

**GUILDFORD**

**CATHOLIC PARISH**



## **THE RITE OF BAPTISM**

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### **WELCOME**

#### **RECEPTION OF THE CHILD**

**Celebrant:** What Name have you given to your child?

**Parents:** Say Name (N)

**Celebrant:** What do you ask God's Church today for N?

**Parents:** Baptism

**Celebrant:** You have asked to have your child baptised...Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Parents:** We do

*The Celebrant addresses the Godparents...*

**Celebrant:** Are you ready to help the parents, in their duty as Christian parents?

**Godparents:** We are

**Celebrant:** **N** the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the Sign of his Cross. I now invite your parents and godparents to trace the cross on your forehead.

#### **CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD**

##### **Short Gospel Reading**

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All Respond:** Thanks be to God

##### **Brief Homily**

##### **The Bidding Prayers**

*At the end of each prayer of intercession...*

**Celebrant:** Lord, hear us

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us

##### **Litany of Saints**

*The celebrant reads out the names of the saints...*

**All:** Pray for us

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#### **PREPARATORY PRAYERS**

##### **Prayer of Exorcism**

*The celebrant says the prayer of exorcism...*

**Celebrant:** ...through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

##### **Anointing**

**Celebrant:** **N** we anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

##### **Blessing of the Water**

*The following intercessions lead up to the blessing of water:*

**Celebrant:** Father, God of mercy, through these waters of Baptism, you have filled us with a new life as your children.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever

**Celebrant:** From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit you have formed one people, united in your son, Jesus Christ.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever

**Celebrant:** You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love that we may live in peace.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever

**Celebrant:** You call those who have been baptised to announce the good news of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever**

**Celebrant:** You have called your child to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church (s)he might have eternal life.

Bless this water in which (s)he will be baptised. We ask this in the Name of Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

### **Profession of Faith**

*After a brief introduction, all respond these questions:*

**Celebrant:** Do you reject Satan?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** And all his works?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** And all his empty promises?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**All:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

### **Baptism**

*The parents alone bring the child to the font:*

**Celebrant:** Is it your will that **N** should be baptised in the faith of the Church which we have all professed with you?

**Parents:** **It is**

**Celebrant:** **N** I baptise you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **Anointing with Chrism**

*The newly baptised is anointed with Holy Chrism:*

**Celebrant:** ...so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **The Clothing with White Garment**

**Celebrant:** **N** you have become a new creation and are now clothed in Christ. See in this white baptismal garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, we pray that you will bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Baptismal Candle**

## **CONCLUSION OF THE RITE**

### **Our Father**

*The Celebrant introduces the Our Father with a short prayer, after which all join in:*

**Our Father  
who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

### **Blessing And Dismissal**

*The celebrant says four short prayers. At the end of each one, all respond as follows:*

**All:** **Amen**