

## Your Child

*If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility,  
he learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,  
he learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with shame,  
he learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with tolerance,  
he learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns confidence.*

*If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to appreciate.*

*If a child lives with fairness,  
he learns justice.*

*If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love in the world.*



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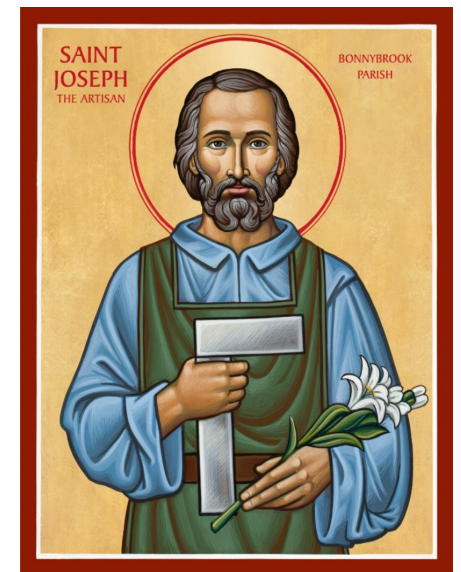
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## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN CHURCH

## BONNYBROOK PARISH





**For the Fathers:**

*Priest:* May God bless the fathers of these children. Together with their partners they will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of the Faith. May they be the best of teachers, giving witness to the Faith in what they say and do.

**All: Amen.**

**For the Godparents:**

*Priest:* God our Father we ask you to bless the Godparents who represent the believing community to which these children now belong. May their friendship and prayers be a loving support to them throughout their lives.

**All: Amen.**

**For everyone present:**

*Priest:* May God, who loves all people, bless all the relatives and friends who are gathered here today. May we always live as His children, and may He bless us with His peace.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest:* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## SOUVENIR OF BAPTISM

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Godfather:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Godmother:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Priest:** \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME

*Dear Parents and Godparents,*

The Parish Pastoral Council & our Baptism Team extend a warm welcome to you and your family on behalf of the Christian Community, the Church.

For you as parents and for your child, this is a very important and happy day. It is also a day of celebration for the Christian Community in St. Joseph the Artisan Church, Bonnybrook.

In Celebrating the Baptism of your children - parents, godparents and all of us take on an important commitment; we promise to help these children to grow in Christian faith.

We also share the task of making our society more and more Christian, so that the children who are baptised today may have the support they need to grow as mature Christians.

The symbols used in the Celebration of Baptism are joyful and helpful: we use words with gesture and touch, water, oil, garments and light. These are signs of the importance which the Church places on the event today.

## Accepting Responsibility

Parents are asked to accept responsibility for handing on the faith to their children. With the Sign of the Cross your children are welcomed into the family of the Church.

*Priest:* As parents you have chosen the Christian way of life, for your children. It is a way of love and kindness. I now invite the parents to accept this responsibility.

*Priest:* What name do you give to your child?

**Parents:** **N.N. (Name of child)**

*Priest:* What do you ask of God's Church for N.

**Parents:** **Baptism.**

*Priest:* You have asked to have your children baptized. Will you tell them of God our Father, Christ our Brother and the Spirit of Love? Will you teach them to pray?

**Parents:** **We will.**

*Priest to Godparents:* Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers by showing concern for the well-being of these children?

**Godparents:** **We will.**

*Priest:* So, I welcome these children on behalf of all in the Christian Family and I make a Sign of the Cross on their foreheads to show that they belong to Christ and I invite their parents and godparents to do the same.

In Confession, they will receive the Love and Forgiveness of God.

In the name of these children, united as brothers and sisters, let us pray together in the words Jesus has given us.

## The Lord's Prayer

**All:** **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

### ***For the Newly-Baptised:***

*Priest:* May God, the almighty Father, who filled the world with joy by giving us his only Son, bless these newly-baptised children. May they grow to be more fully like Jesus Christ who is our Lord for ever and ever.

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

### ***For the Mothers:***

*Priest:* May God, the source of life and love, who fills the hearts of mothers with love for their children, bless the mothers of these newly-baptised. As they thank God for a safe delivery, may they find joy in the love, growth and holiness of their children.

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

## The Lighted Candle

The Easter (Paschal) Candle stands for Christ, the Light of the World. A small baptism candle is lit from the Easter candle and given to the parents and godparents. The Light and Love of Jesus is being passed to the new Christians through the parents and godparents.

*Priest:* Receive the Light of Christ.

Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as Children of the Light. May they keep the flame of Faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly Kingdom.

### Prayer of Ephpheta (Prayers over the Ears and Mouth.)

We pray that these children will hear the word of God as they grow up and put it into practice.

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

**All: Amen.**

### We look to the Future

*Priest:* These children have been reborn in Baptism.  
They are now called children of God.

In Confirmation, they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit.

In Holy Communion, they will receive Jesus, the Bread of Life.

## The Word of God

We listen to the word of God which tells us what it means to be baptised.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (36: 26-28).

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows; Say to the house of Israel I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed. I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you and you will live in the land that I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I shall be your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32, 4-5: 12-13: 18-20: 22)

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,  
he sees all the children of the world.

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

## Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  
(3: 15-16, 21-22).

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Baptism



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

**Parents & Godparents: It is.**

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

## Anointing with Chrism

Each child's head is anointed with the Oil of Chrism. This second anointing is a sign of a special calling. Jesus was anointed too, given a Special Calling to bring about the Kingdom of God. Every Christian shares this calling - to build up the Kingdom of Love, Justice and Peace in our world.

God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation.

As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as members of his Body, sharing everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## The White Garment

After their Baptism, the first Christians wore white for a week to show that they had taken on a new way of life.

You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourselves in Christ. We see in these white garments 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.**

*Priest:* Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?  
**All:** **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you reject Satan?  
**All:** **I do.**

*Priest:* And all his works, and all his empty promises?  
**All:** **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?  
**All:** **I do.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

**All:** **This is our Faith. It is the Faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray to God our Father for these children who will receive the gift of Baptism, for their parents and godparents, and for all baptised people.

1. Give these children new birth to eternal life through water and the Holy Spirit. *Lord hear us.*  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**
2. Throughout their lives, help them to be faithful witnesses to your Son, Jesus Christ. *Lord hear us.*  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**
3. Teach them by the words and example of their parents and godparents, and help them to grow strong as living members of the Church. *Lord hear us.*  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**
4. Renew the grace of Baptism in each one of us here. *Lord hear us.*  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**
5. May all Christ's followers, baptised into One Body, always live united in faith and love. *Lord hear us.*  
**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Joseph:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Peter and Saint Paul:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Anne:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Elizabeth:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Patrick:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Brigid:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Colmcille:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Oliver Plunkett:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Lawrence O'Toole:	<b>pray for us</b>
Saint Kevin:	<b>pray for us</b>

## Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing

Life is often a struggle between Good and Evil. We ask God to protect these children and to help them to do what is right. Each child is anointed on the chest with the Oil of Catechumens; as a sign that they are given strength to grow and live as Christians.

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to rescue us from the slavery of sin and to give us the freedom only your sons and daughters enjoy.

We now pray for these children who will have to face the world with its temptations.

Your Son died and rose again to save us. By his victory over sin and death, bring these children out of the power of darkness. Strengthen them with the grace of Christ and watch over them at every step in life's journey.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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.**

## The Celebration of Baptism

We now bless the water in which these children will be baptised. Water keeps people and plants alive. So it is a sign of God the source of Life. Through water at baptism, we are given a sign of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection to new life. Water is also a sign of the Spirit of Love flowing from the Father and Son and embracing us.

## Blessing of Water

*Priest:* Praise to you, Almighty God and Father for you created water to cleanse and to give life.

**All: Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered Yourself on the Cross, that in blood and water flowing from your side, and through your death and resurrection, the Church might be born.

**All: Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptised into you.

**All: Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* You have called your children to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church they might have eternal life. Bless this water in which these children will be baptised. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

Dear Parents and Godparents,  
You have asked to have these children baptised. By water and the Holy Spirit these children will receive the gift of new life from God who is Love. It will be your constant care to bring these children up in the practice of the Faith. Baptism is parents' day too, since you publicly promise to hand on the Faith to your children.