

We receive you into the household of God.

(Book of Alternative Services p161)

The sacrament of baptism
is one of welcome.

The sacrament of baptism
is where we become a
member of the body of
Christ.

The sacrament of baptism
is one where the whole
community of faith
upholds each other in a
promise of love and
support.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St Jude's

Holy Baptism or Christian Initiation is the process by which infants, children or adults become members of the Church.

This is an important day for you as an individual and for the whole community. We celebrate this day with you.

When do Baptisms take place?

Baptisms normally take place 5 times a year during a celebration of Holy Eucharist. There are several festivals in the Church calendar where this celebration is most appropriate. The Incumbent can advise you of upcoming dates.

Who can be baptized?

People of all ages may be baptized: infants, children and adults.

We welcome you to take the time to visit St Jude's for Sunday worship; to see just how we celebrate the ongoing love of God in our world.

As you get to know us, we encourage you to enter into the life of the parish. There are many ways to get involved at St. Jude's. If you have brought a child for baptism, consider the importance of seeking Christian education for your child and the role that Sunday school can play in their upbringing.

Is there preparation?

When you are ready for baptism, please fill out the accompanying information form. The incumbent will be in touch to arrange some time to discuss the meaning of baptism,

and the importance of participation in a faith community.

You will also be asked to attend a 'walk-through' rehearsal prior to the service.

What about godparents or sponsors?

If the candidate for baptism is an infant or child, you may choose one or two sponsors or godparents. If the candidate is an adult, they may choose to have one sponsor.

Godparents and parents have a special role in the service of baptism. They present the child candidate to the community and make the promises on behalf of the child being baptized. They may be members of your family or friends who promise to support the candidate in their life as a Christian.

What am I promising to do?

The baptism takes place within the context of a service of Holy Eucharist. The parents and sponsors present the candidate for baptism to the gathered community and join together in promises of support for the faith journey of the baptismal candidate. They renew their own promises of baptism through their declaration of one of our ancient statements of faith, The Apostles' Creed.

Together with the faith community you promise to:

- Seek to be nourished by the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Seek out the love and goodness in all people.

- Seek strength through the love of God so as to resist forces of evil in our world.
- Accept that in all things we are beloved of God throughout our whole life.

What are the symbols of Baptism?

Water is a familiar symbol throughout the Bible. Through water we are sustained and with it we cleanse ourselves. The celebrant pours water on the head of the candidate with the words, *'I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'*

Oil (blessed by the bishop) is used to anoint the candidate with the sign of the cross. This anointing sets us apart as blessed by God.

Light from a candle is given to each candidate. It symbolizes the movement from darkness into light and the new life we enter through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Next steps in faith...

We receive and welcome you into the household of God!

In baptism, we begin a life-long journey. It is one that is shared with our family, sponsors and with our whole community.

We live into our baptismal promises through sharing in the worship of a Christian community, in the nourishment from Holy Eucharist and through our lives as we develop the practice of prayer and service for others.

Information for Baptism of an infant or child

Please print clearly

Child male ___ female ___

Name in full: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Mother (please provide birth name)

Name in full: _____

Street address: _____

City/town: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date and place of baptism

Father

Name in full: _____

Street address: _____

City/town: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date and place of baptism

Godparents

Name _____

Religious affiliation _____

Name _____

Religious affiliation _____

Name _____

Religious affiliation _____

What brought you to St Jude's?

Have you had any other children baptized at St. Jude's? _____

How would you like to either begin or continue your involvement in the parish?

For office use:

Date & time of baptism. _____

Visit with clergy. _____

Rehearsal date & time _____

Clergy staff contact _____

Information for Baptism of an Adult

Please print clearly male ___ female ___

Name in full _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Street address _____

City/town _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Religious affiliation of sponsor _____

What brought you to St Jude's? _____

How would you like to begin or continue your involvement in the parish? _____

For office use:

Date & time of baptism _____

Visit with clergy _____

Rehearsal date & time _____

Clergy staff contact _____