

Baptism - Order of Service

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
CATFORD



Entrance Hymn [please choose a hymn if you wish to sing]

Celebrant: What name have you given your child?

Parents: N.

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for N.?

Parents: Baptism.

Celebrant: You have asked to have N. baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her/them in the practice of faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her/them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: [Asking the godparents]: Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mother and father?

Godparents: We are.

Celebrant: N. the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

For First Reading, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Reading, click below:

<http://www.stjohnskilkenny.com/booklets/Baptism%20Readings.pdf>

Prayer of Faithful

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on N. /and N. who is/are to be baptized, on his parents and godparents, and on all the baptized.

Celebrant: By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe N. /and N. in light, give him/her/them the new life of baptism and welcome him/her/them into your holy Church.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Through baptism and confirmation, make N. /and N. your faithful follower(s) and witness (es) to your gospel.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lead him/her/them by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Make the lives of his/her/their parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire him/her/them.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Keep his/her/their families always in your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litany of Saints

Holy Mary, Mother of God – **pray for us.**

Saint John the Baptist – **pray for us.**

Saint Joseph – **pray for us.**

Saint Peter and Saint Paul – **pray for us.**

All holy men and women – **pray for us.**

Prayer of Exorcism

Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendor of your kingdom of light. We pray for N./and

N. set them free from original sin, make them a temple of your glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell within them. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Anointing on breast with Oil of Catechumen

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.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present for baptism N./and N. By water and the Holy Spirit he/she/they is/are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her/them up in the practice of faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her/them is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her/their heart (s). If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which N. /and N. is/are about to be baptized.

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: And all his works?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: And all his empty promises?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

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

Parents & Godparents: 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 and of the Father?

Parents & Godparents: 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? **Parents & Godparents:** I do. **Celebrant:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Baptism

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

Parents & Godparents: Yes.

Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing with Chrism

Celebrant: 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.

Anointing with Chrism on the forehead.

Clothing with White Garment

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

All: Amen.

Lighted Candle

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ.

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. N. /and N. has/have been enlightened by Christ. He/she/they is/are to walk always as a child/children of the light. May he/she/they keep the flame of faith alive in his/her/their heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she/they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, N. /and N. have been reborn in baptism. He/she/they is/are now called child/children of God, for so indeed he/she/they is/are. In

confirmation he/she/they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion he/she/they will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her/their Father in the midst of the Church. In his name, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

BLESSING

Celebrant: God the Father, through his son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of N. She/they now thank (s) God for the gift of N. May she/they be one with him in thanking him for ever in heaven in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless N. /and N. the father of N. /and N. With N. /and N. He/they will be the first teacher of N. /and N in the ways of faith. May he/they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessings upon all present, who are his sons and daughters. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May the almighty God, bless you, the Father and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Final Hymn

May the Almighty God bless you and your child!

Blessings!

Fr Antony