
God loves all people and children are baptized in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents, responding to that love, bring their children to be baptized.

In Baptism the parents and godparents express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God: the cleansing from sin made possible through the death of Jesus and the promise of new life through the Holy Spirit.

Through Baptism, a child becomes a member of the universal Church. As children are nurtured in faith and take their place in the local Church, they grow into their Baptism and understand more about God's love and the relationship they have with him. We hope that they will come to profess the faith for themselves in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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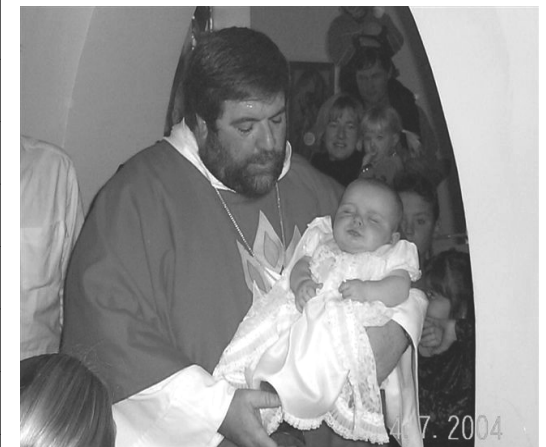
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**DO YOU WANT
YOUR CHILD
BAPTISED?**



ARRANGING FOR A BAPTISM

If you are interested in
having your child baptised –

You need to phone the priest whose name is written on the back of this brochure to have a chat and arrange a date for a meeting. He or she will be the Parish Priest or the District Priest in your area. The priest will want to meet you, and of course, the child or children to be baptised.

You need to know that the Sacrament of Baptism is usually administered during a public service. Normally it will be during a regular service held at your local Church so it is good if you are flexible about the date and time. You should arrange the Baptism before you invite friends and relatives and arrange a party.

Where attendance is not possible at a normal service, the priest will arrange another time which suits everybody.

You need to think about the meaning of Baptism. Parents and godparents make promises on behalf of the child, and the child is baptised on the basis of their faith. Parents or godparents cannot really make the promises for the child if they have not made them for themselves. If you are not baptised you should consider making that commitment yourself.

You need to choose godparents carefully. It has been customary to have three—two women and one man for a girl and two men and one woman for a boy. You may have more or fewer. What is more important is the godparents' love for the child, their willingness to make the promises seriously, and their ongoing commitment to the nurture of the child in the Christian faith.

You need to read through the service of Baptism so that you understand it. The priest who baptises your child will make it easy for you to participate. He or she will try to make it an enjoyable, meaningful occasion for the whole family.

Jesus welcomed
little children and
invited them to come to him.

In the Churches of the
Diocese of Willochra
we welcome children
and offer them
the Sacrament of Baptism.

