

Having your child baptized in Bowden and Melrose Parish Church



*Jesus called for the children, and said, 'Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'
(Luke 18:16)*

In this sacrament,
the love of God is offered to each one of us.
Though we cannot understand or explain it,
we are called to accept that love
with the openness and trust of a child.

In baptism,
your child is assured
of the love that God has for him/her,
and the sign and seal of the Holy Spirit
is placed upon him/her.

The service starts at 9.30am in Bowden, 11.00am in Melrose. Ideally you and the Godparents should be at the church 15 minutes beforehand. We begin with any church notices, a call to worship, opening hymn and prayer. I will then welcome your family and friends and introduce your child to the congregation.

Hymn

Institution – why we baptise

Statement – what happens in baptism

Question to the parents...

*In presenting your child for baptism,
desiring that s/he may be grafted into Christ
as a member of his body, the Church,
do you receive the teaching of the Christian faith
which we confess in the Apostles' Creed?*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

The Baptism

Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

Promises

Question to the parents...

*Do you promise,
depending on the grace of God,
to teach your child
the truths and duties of the Christian faith;
and by prayer and example
to bring him/her up in the life*

and worship of the Church?

Question to the Godparents...

*Do you’s Godparents
promise to play your part
in his/her Christian upbringing,
supporting him/her and his/her parents
in any way you can?*

Question to the congregation....

You who are gathered here
represent the whole Church,
the universal Church.
Word and Sacrament bring you
the joy of Christ’s presence in your midst.
They also bring you responsibilities
as Christ’s people in this place.
Do you welcome
and do you renew your commitment
with God’s help,
to live before all God’s children
in a kindly and Christian way,
and to share with them
the knowledge and love of Christ?

*We do.
We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.*

Prayer

Presentation of Certificate and Bible

Hymn

At this point you are most welcome to stay for the rest of the service but free to leave at any time.

Please contact me with any questions...

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