



## PREPARATION FOR THE BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

1. **Scripture reading and Psalm:** to be read at the Baptism can be picked up/emailed before the Baptism. You can make them more personal - it is a celebration! Make sure the person(s) reading has the readings to look over beforehand.
2. **Baptismal candle:** you may decorate a special candle or buy one here in the Repository or Parish Office before the baptism. (The Light of Christ is passed on to us in the form of a lit candle, which was lit from the Paschal Candle that was blessed at the Easter Vigil. We are called to be the light of Christ in the world, and we are asked to keep that light burning brightly.)
3. **New White Garment:** a shawl or a cardigan. (Once we have been claimed for Christ through the water of life we are clothed in a white garment. This white garment, the Church, tells us is an outward sign of our Christian dignity. Once we have put on Christ, we are to always walk as His followers.)
4. **Flowers for the Baptistery (Bunch):** which will be left at the Church. (These are a sign of your decision to bring your child up in God's church, your commitment to belong.)
5. **Two godparents** - a godmother and a godfather. Both the godparents must be baptised and at least one must be a Baptised Catholic. Their task is one of prayer and support for the child for all of their lives. Everyone who is at the ceremony pledges themselves to do the same.
6. **The Liturgy:** will begin within ten minutes of the agreed time. So do try and be punctual.
7. **Donation:** for the upkeep of the church and the Servite Community.
8. **Baptismal certificate** You can request this after the celebration has taken place. Please phone or email the Parish Office between 9a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. There is a fee for the Baptismal Certificate of £5.

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