



Home Celebration 1: Remembering Baptism and Continuing the Journey

Getting things ready (Optional)

You may want to set the scene by creating a small prayer corner in your house to help you to pray as a family.

You could have this on the floor, on a shelf or on a table - anywhere really.

You could draw or paint some pictures around this theme, or your faith and your prayer corner could include a bible, cross and a candle (**an adult should always be present, and the lit candle should not be left unattended**).

As we go through the sessions on your preparation you can add to this with any materials you get from church or school.



Introduction

Our baptism is an important first step in our faith journey, but what is begun at baptism takes a lifetime to grow into. We never finish becoming part of God's family.

As we journey together towards the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, you are invited to take part in Home Celebrations.

In this first celebration we remember and celebrate our baptism. In baptism we become Children of God and we are invited to claim our Catholic Faith.



Scripture - Matthew 5:14-16

You are invited to read or listen to this scripture and reflect on what you think Jesus is saying.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God



Activities

Discuss your baptism with an adult:

- Who baptised you? When and where your baptism took place? Who was there?
- Maybe an adult has some pictures to show of your baptism, some cards from the special day, your baptismal candle or other memories from this very special day.
- Why not cut out and decorate the candle on the next page with an adult: You could put some of the information about your own baptism on the candle or ways you can carry the light of Christ to everyone you meet.



Your parents are invited to light your baptismal candle (or another candle/light) and pass the light of faith on to you with these words:

'Receive the light of Christ and keep this light of faith burning brightly'.

You may wish to say together the Our Father prayer.

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*



Suggested Music

You may wish to listen to some music as you reflect on the importance faith in your life.

- Christ be our Light - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>
- My Lighthouse - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>
- City on a hill - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITEadEftdnM>



Celebration

To celebrate the day you became a Son/Daughter of God you may wish to share a celebration cake with your family.

For more information and resources visit
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/first-communion/



