

**SACRED HEART PARISH
MUNDARING**

Child's Name
Baptism



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DAY
DATE & YEAR
TIME

Parents

Xxx & Yyy

Grandparents

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Godparents

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Commentator

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Reader

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*Please turn off all mobile phones and camera flashes
during the Baptism. Thank you.*

Baptism

*All are encouraged to join in the responses in **BOLD**.*

WELCOME

Greeting

Commentator: **N.**, together with his/her **parents**, **grandparents** and his/her **godparents**, warmly welcomes each of you to celebrate his/her Baptism. Our celebrant today is Father Dom Savio. Could I request you to kindly make sure that your mobiles are either turned off or kept on silent mode.

RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

Celebrant: What name have you given your child?

Parents: **N.**

Celebrant: What do you ask of the church for **N.**?

Parents: We wish to have him/her baptised.

Celebrant: Do you understand your responsibility to be models of the faith to **N.**?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: Godparents, are you ready to assist **N.**'s parents to mentor **N.** in the Catholic faith?

Godparents: We are.

Celebrant: N., the Body of Christ is present here, together with N.'s **parents, grandparents, godparents** and all present here today claim you for Christ. I now trace the sign of the cross on your forehead and invite your parents, grandparents and godparents to do the same.

Parents, Grandparents and Godparents each trace the sign of the cross on the child's forehead.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD

Commentator: I now invite the **Reader** to read the Gospel.

(Stand)

Gospel Reading

Gospel of St Mark 1:9-11

Reader:

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. And at once, as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The celebrant will now say a prayer of blessing for the candidate's parents.

Celebrant:

God the Father of love, we pray for **N.'s parent's**, that they mirror your values to **N.** May they be a reflection of light, sharers of your love and givers of your hope to **N.** May they be a blessing to **N.**, and share with **N.**, their own experience of you as friend and saviour.

R: Amen.

PARENT'S PRAYER

The child's parents are invited to say their prayer over the candidate.

Parents:

Prayer

Celebrant:

Final Blessing

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: My dear brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptised, on his/her parents and godparents, and on all the baptised.

Prayers of the Faithful

Reader:

Lord, bathe **N.**, in light, give him/her the new life of baptism and welcome him/her into your holy Church.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Through baptism make **N.**, your faithful follower and a witness to your gospel.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead **N.**, by a holy life to You, O Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Make the lives of his/her parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire **N.**

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep **N.'s** family always in your love.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Litany of the Saints

Reader: Let us now ask the saints to pray for N.

Holy Mary, Mother of God	R: Pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist	R: Pray for us.
Saint Joseph	R: Pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul	R: Pray for us.
All the Holy men and women	R: Pray for us.

PRAYER OF EXORCISM AND ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

Celebrant

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 humankind from the kingdom of darkness, and bring it into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for N., set him/her free from original sin, make him/her a temple of your glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with him/her. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

The celebrant will now anoint the child on the chest with the Oil of Catechumen or the "Oil of Baptism."

Commentator: Through this prayer we hope N., becomes open to God's Word and allows it to shape his/her vision, attitudes and values in life.

Celebrant:

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears, N. to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

CONCLUSION OF THE RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Parents and Godparents, with the candidate, are invited to stand in front of the altar to say the Lord's Prayer. (All stand).

Lord's 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.**

Celebrant:

N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With N.'s **parents, grandparents, godparents** and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

LIGHTED CANDLE

As a sign of the new life, a Baptismal candle will be lit using the Pascal Candle, which symbolises the light of Christ - the Light of the World. Light warms and it gives safety and illuminates the way ahead. We believe Baptism opens the candidate's eyes to see all things through the eyes of Jesus.

Celebrant:

Parent's, Godparents and Grandparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. N., has been enlightened by Christ. N., is to walk always as a child of the light. May N., keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart. When the Lord comes, may N., go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

EPHPHETA OR PRAYER OVER EARS AND MOUTH

The word Ephppheta, meaning, "be opened" is part of the story when Jesus cures a deaf and mute man, allowing him to become open to the Word of God (Mark 7:31-37).

In this prayer, the candidate is opened to the Word, allowing it to shape his/her attitudes and values in life.

Celebrant

N., I 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 forever and ever.

R: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Celebrant: My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give N., new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Celebrant:

You have called N. to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church he/she might have eternal life. Bless this water in which he/she will be baptised. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SINS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Parents and Godparents, we will renew our own baptismal commitment. The response is "I do".

Dear parents and godparents, you have come here to present N. for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, N. is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring N. up

in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life, which God gives N. is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in N. heart.

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.

Do you reject Satan?

R: I do.

And all his works?

R: I do.

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

R: I do.

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 hand of the Father?

R: I do.

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?

R: I do.

*This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.***

BAPTISM

The celebrant now pours water, which is used both for sustaining life and cleansing, three times over the child's head, calling upon the Trinity.

Celebrant:

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

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Chrism oil was a mixture of olive and balsam. It was scented and it was used to anoint kings, prophets and priests in the past.

Celebrant:

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you, N., 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 a member of His body, sharing everlasting life.

R: Amen.

CLOTHING WITH WHITE GARMENT

Clothing in a white garment is part of the ceremony to symbolise the candidate's new life in Christ. The colour white speaks of life, purity, newness and innocence. It is also a sign of the new life of resurrection.