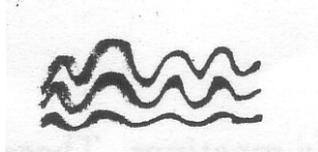


Symbols

The Rite of Baptism is a beautiful ritual, rich in word, gesture and symbol. In the Bible we find frequent use of these symbols:

Water



Oil

Light



*White
Garment*



Prayer

IF CHILDREN

live with tolerance....
they become tol-

erant

live with encouragement....

they display confidence

live with praise....

they become appreciative

live with fairness....

they respect justice

live with security....

they develop faith

and children living with approval,

learn to like themselves

and through living with

acceptance and friendship

they discover love in the world.

God,

We thank you....

for the gift of our children.

We thank you....

for the love and joy they bring

to our family.

Give us the strength and the wisdom we

need for the task of guiding these

young lives.

Help us to make our homes places

where they can experience Your

love in the love we give them.



Amen

St Joseph's Parish
Nambour



**Baptismal Preparation
Information**

Preparation for the Baptism of Infants at St Joseph's, Nambour is as Follows

Welcome & Congratulations

on the decision
to have your baby
baptised.

*Baptism is the beginning
of your child's faith journey
and presumes some level
of continuing relationship
between the child
and the Church,
initially through you,
as parents.*

- Step 1.** Contact Parish office to obtain enrolment the form for Baptism. A meeting with the Parish Priest may be arranged if necessary (phone 5441 1034 for an appointment).
- Step 2.** **The Preparation Evening:** Parents will then attend one of our monthly Meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Godparents are also encouraged to attend this preparation night. *(Please note that one of your chosen Godparents must be Catholic.)* Children are most welcome to attend with you. Bookings are essential.
- Step 3.** **Presentation:** This currently takes place prior to Baptism before or after weekend Masses (either Saturday at 6pm, Sunday 8am). The Priest will say a few words to you—he will possibly say ‘What Christian name have you given to your child?’ (and you simply respond with the child’s name), and ‘what do you ask of the Church for this child?’ (and you respond with ‘Baptism’ or ‘Faith’). You will be presented with a candle.
- Step 4.** **The Baptism** is celebrated following the candle presentation. Upon conclusion of the Baptism you will be presented with a certificate of Baptism for your child’s records together with a Parish Baptismal sash.

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