

St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

Serving West Leigh Since 1919

The following gives the Baptism Service that we normally follow at St Margaret's; it is used within the Sunday 10:00am Mass and you will be guided at all times by Fr David. The complete service (Baptism & Mass) will last no longer than 1¼ hours.

Introduction and welcome:

The Priest invites the Parents and Godparents to stand with him at the front.

Priest: What do you ask of God's Church for name?

Parents: **Baptism.**

The Priest addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome name and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The Priest addresses the Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives *name* with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *name* begins her journey in faith.

You speak for her today. Will you care for her

and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The family return to their seats as we all stand to sing the Gloria

Sermon (Please sit)

At the end of the sermon Parents, Godparents, family and supporters process with the priest to the font.

Rite of Baptism

The Decision *(parents and godparents on behalf of name – the congregation reaffirm their own baptism quietly)*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject evil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross *using the oil of catechumens – the Parents and Godparents are invited to make the sign on name's forehead.*

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.



Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Profession of Faith

The Priest addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with name's parents and God-parents the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

Baptism

The candidate is presented to the Priest

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

All **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

The sacrament of Baptism is sealed with the use of Holy Oil of Chrism.

Intercessions (prayers) *said from the font – we remain standing if able
or sit if not.*

The Welcome:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
name, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation greet the newly baptised.

The Offertory

(Bread and wine is immediately brought to the altar. A collection follows. It costs over £2500/week to run our parish - please give as generously as you can but no more than you can afford. If you are a tax payer and not a member of our envelope scheme, please consider using a yellow Gift Aid Envelope so that we can claim back the tax - £10 will be worth £12.50 to the church.)

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