

PARISH OF BANAGHER

Readings and Prayers for the Baptism Ceremony

There are 3 parts of the ceremony where family members or friends can participate by reading the scripture readings or the prayers. One person can do all 3 parts or a number of people can do them. Alternatively, the priest can do any parts that are not allocated to a family member or friend.

SCRIPTURE READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts though many, make up one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
To revive my drooping spirit. **Response**

He guides me along the right path,
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort. **Response**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **Response**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **Response**

INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader: By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child/these children in light, give him/her/them the new life of baptism and welcome him/her/them into your holy Church.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Through baptism and confirmation, make him/her/them your faithful follower(s) and witness(es) to your Gospel.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Lead him/her/them by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Make the lives of his/her/their parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child/ these children.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Keep his/her/their family always in your love.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.