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As your child grows through school they will be invited into the life of the church through

**Reconciliation**

**Confirmation**

**First Holy Communion**

This occurs during Year 3 and both school and Parish will support your family in preparing your child for these Sacraments.



### **A Prayer for Parents**

Lord we ask you to help us to teach our children how to value and always search for the meaningful things in life.

For our children to enjoy the beauty and wonder of your creation.  
For the truth that they may possess in order to live good lives,

and for the love they need to develop into kind human beings.

Help them to develop a strong sense of responsibility for their own lives and have a real concern for the people they meet, especially for those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Grant us, Lord the wisdom and sensitivity to be good parents with your guidance.  
Amen

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### **Information about the Sacrament of Baptism**

This leaflet will explain about how to get ready for child's baptism in our Parish and give you a flavour of what we believe.  
We hope you find it useful.

# Welcome



Hello!

My name is Fr. Francis and I am the Parish Priest of St. Marie and St. Joseph's in Bury. I first came to St Marie's in 2008 and, after the retirement of Fr. Morrow in 2009, I took on the care of St Joseph's Parish as well.

If you already have children in our school they will know me from there, as I am a regular visitor to our parish schools.

## Belonging to a family



When a child is born, a family rejoices. The child belongs to their family.

Baptism is the sacrament which makes a child part of the Family of the Church and the Parish will rejoice with you.

## Baptism - the basics

From the very beginning of the Church, baptism was the sacrament that made people members—whether this was adults or children. By being baptised, they belonged to the family of the Church.

Belonging is very important to us. But belonging is not just about a single



ceremony: it is about who we are and what we do. It is the same with baptism.

To have a child baptised means that you wish them to belong to the Catholic Church—to

be a part of it. This means as parents you have to ask yourselves some questions:

- Can we honestly promise to do our best to teach our child about the Catholic Faith?
- Will we give an example of belonging by taking part in the life of the Church ourselves?

## What to do next

The next stage is to come along to one of the Masses at the weekend either at St Joseph's church or St Marie's church. The times of Mass are as follows:

### St Joseph's Church

(Peter Street, BL9 6AB)

5:00pm Saturday

9:15am Sunday

### St Marie's Church

(Manchester Road, BL9 0DR)

Sunday 11:30am

After the Mass have a word with Fr. Francis and ask him for a baptism form.

This form must be filled in and returned to Fr. Francis the following weekend at Mass.

