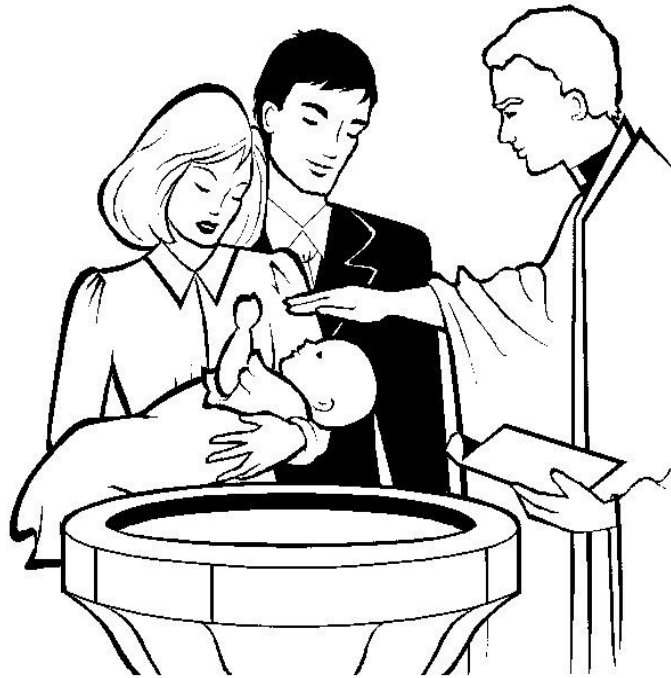


Baptism in the Parish of Rushen



In the Parish of Rushen we are always delighted to hear of parents who wish for their child to be baptised. We know that your child is precious to you and also precious to God. At baptism you promise to raise your child to know that God loves them, and to help them to follow Jesus as a member of the Church.

In baptism, you as parents are: thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

For your child, baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, which involves turning away from all that is evil, turning towards Christ and becoming a member of the local and worldwide Christian family. We also welcome older children and adults to baptism.

At the present time the parish does not have a priest-in-charge. As a consequence the affairs of the parish are being dealt with by Mr. Gerald Callister (Tel 474924). You will need to contact him if you wish your child, or older person to be baptised. He will record your details on an application form, a copy of which will be sent to the parish baptism representative. If it is your wish this representative will visit you at your home. The Rural Dean will be informed of the baptism and he will arrange for it to take place on the date (Sunday), and the church, that you desire. The baptism will take place during one of the arranged services on that date. The member of the clergy taking the service will visit you at your home prior to the service so that you can be informed of the procedure. You will need to have the names of the Godparents at this visit. It is normal to have two male and one female Godparent for a boy, and two female and one male Godparent for a girl. At the baptism service these people pledge that they will ensure that the child will be brought up as a Christian until s/he is able to understand the importance of this for themselves.