



Coolah-Dunedoo Anglican Parish Baptism Information:

A Baptism cannot take place without faith. Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour is required for baptism. Parents and Godparents will be asked to state their faith at the baptism service. Please ask question of the parish priest if you have any concern.

Selecting Godparents/Sponsors.

- Must be willing to state their faith in Jesus.(see answers provided in the Baptism service below.)
- All **must be 18 years or older**,
- All **must be baptised themselves** and preferably confirmed as Christians.
- The Anglican Church recommends three godparents;
- The Anglican Church prefers that at least one parent or one Godparent be a confirmed member of the Anglican Church.

Fees.

There is no fee for a baptism service. Coolah-Dunedoo parish custom is that during normal church services a collection is taken up. Baptism services held outside regular church times a collection bowl is placed at the door of the church and those present are encouraged to make voluntary donations to the work of the church in this parish.

Confirmation

All who are baptised should, when they are of age, be confirmed in there faith at a service at the church. The Parish of Coolah Dunedoo has confirmation classes commencing about May and a Confirmation service about October every year. In the baptism service a commitment is made by parents and godparents to bring the child to be confirmed when they are of age, 11 years and over. At Confirmation classes they are instructed in their adult faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. They then ‘Confirm’ the same promises which parents and godparents make for them at their baptism, in the presence of the Bishop. This will be explained during preparation.

Baptism Service:

Usually takes place in the normal services of our Parish. A copy of the service is printed below for your information and reading. Other arrangements may be made with the Parish Priest if necessary.

Coolah-Dunedoo Parish Service.

First Sundays of the Month: *Sunday:* 8.30am Dunedoo; 9am Coolah;

Second Sundays of the Month: *Saturday:* 6pm Dunedoo; *Sunday:* 9am Coolah; 11.30am Elong (No Elong Service in January);

Third Sundays of the Month: *Sunday:* 8.30pm Dunedoo; 9am Coolah;

11.30am Mendooran (No Mendooran Service in January)

Fourth Sundays of the Month

Saturday: 6 pm Dunedoo; **Sunday:** 9am Coolah; 11.30am Neilrex; 4pm Uarbry (5pm Daylight Saving) (No Neilrex or Uarbry Service in January)

Fifth Sunday of the Month

Sunday: A Special Family Service at a location to be advised.



Baptism of Children.

Baptism is the beginning of your child's life long journey of faith in Jesus.

A Baptism cannot take place without faith. Therefore anyone who is to answer on behalf of a child has to be a faithful member of the Christian church. The Anglican Church prefers that at least one parent or Godparent is a confirmed member of the Anglican Church.

Before the baptism the parish priest will want to talk with you about your faith. The parish priest will meet with parents, and where possible, godparents, to discuss faith in Jesus Christ.



Baptism of Adults.

A Baptism cannot take place without faith. An adult wanting to be baptised will be required to state their faith in Jesus at the Baptism service. Before the baptism the parish priest will want to talk with you about your faith. Adults seeking baptism must contact the parish priest personally.

Adults also need to commit to Confirmation within twelve months after their baptism. Ideally Adults are baptised and confirmed in the same service. Confirmation preparation is more involved.

How to arrange a Baptism in Coolah-Dunedoo Parish.

First, contact the parish priest and arrange a meeting for several weeks before the proposed baptism service.

Preparation.

The parish priest will speak with you about Christian faith. Godparents who live locally are requested to attend the preparation meetings whenever possible.

The parents and the family of the child to be baptised are **asked to attend at least one church service prior to the baptism** so that they and their child may be welcomed by the local community of faith.

If you live outside the Coolah-Dunedoo Parish you are requested to contact your local Priest and seek preparation prior to the Baptism. **Your local priest will also be notified by us of the baptism.** Godparents who live outside the Coolah-Dunedoo parish are requested to contact their local priest and seek prepared prior to the baptism

Responses in Red are for Parents and Godparents.

*The Baptism of **Name**
Date*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

All: one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, *name* with your parents *parents names*, and sponsors *sponsors names*. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

A Reading from the Bible

An Address is given.

THE PRESENTATION (*Parents and Godparents stand.*)

We welcome *Name* who comes to be baptised. I invite *Name* parents and godparents to present *him/her* now.

Response: We present *Name* to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *Name* for baptism?

Response: I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *Name*?

Response: I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *Name* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Response: I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

Response: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Response: I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Response: I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

Response: I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

All: Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

Response: I will, with God's help.

You have heard *Name's* parents and godparents respond to Christ. Will you support *them* in this calling?

All: We will.

Parents and Godparents with Name move to the centre of the church.

THE PRAYERS

Grant, merciful God that *Name* may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in *him/her*. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in *Name*. **Amen.**

Give to *parent's names* and their family the desire to share with *Name* what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May *Name* know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May *she/he* proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

Parents and Godparents with Name move to the back of the church around the font. An explanation is given of the symbols of water, lighted candle, and the font near the door of the church .

As the water is poured into the font this prayer is said:

We give you thanks that you have called *Name* your servant to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that *Name* who *is* baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May *Name* die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Response [All may join in]

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

Response [All may join in]

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge**

the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Response [All may join in]

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

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

All: Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

Name, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

All: Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

God has called you into his Church.

All: We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE GRACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen

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Anglican Parish of Coolah-Dunedoo

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