

## **Celebration of the Eucharist- Easter Vigil 2020**

**Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises** At the Easter Vigil water is blessed, we renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with the Holy Water afterwards. We invite families to have a bowl of water in their room and a twig, as they watch on television, through the internet or listen to the celebration of Mass on the radio. If you have a candle which you can light to symbolise Jesus is risen that would be great. If there is a Baptismal Robe or Baptismal Candle belonging to the family take it out and have it beside the bowl of water, twig and candle.

### **Blessing of Water**

#### **Celebrant**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God  
to bless this water he has created,  
which will be sprinkled upon us  
as a memorial of our Baptism.  
May he graciously renew us,  
that we may remain faithful to the Spirit  
whom we have received.

*(And after a brief pause in silence, the Bishop/Priest proclaims the following prayer, with hands extended:))*

Lord our God,  
in your mercy be present to your people  
who keep vigil on this most sacred night,  
and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation  
and the still greater work of our redemption,  
graciously bless this water.  
For you created water to make the fields fruitful  
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.  
You also made water the instrument of your mercy:  
for through water you freed your people from slavery  
and quenched their thirst in the desert;  
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant  
you were to enter upon with the human race;  
and last of all,

through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan,  
you have renewed our corrupted nature  
in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us  
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,  
and grant that we may share  
in the gladness of our brothers and sisters,  
who at Easter have received their Baptism.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

*all stand, holding lighted candles in their hands, and renew the promise of baptismal faith*  
*The Bishop/Priest addresses the faithful in these or similar words:*

Dear brothers and sister), through the Paschal Mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,  
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.  
And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,  
let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,  
by which we once renounced Satan and his works  
and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.  
And so I ask you:

*Priest:* Do you renounce Satan?

*All:* **I do.**

*Priest:* And all his works?

*All:* **I do.**

*Priest:* And all his empty promises?

*All:* **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

*All:* **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

*All:* **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

*All:* **I do.**

*And the Bishop/ Priest concludes:*

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life.

*All:* **Amen.**

*As Bishop/Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water one person, using a twig, sprinkles water on the other members of the family*

