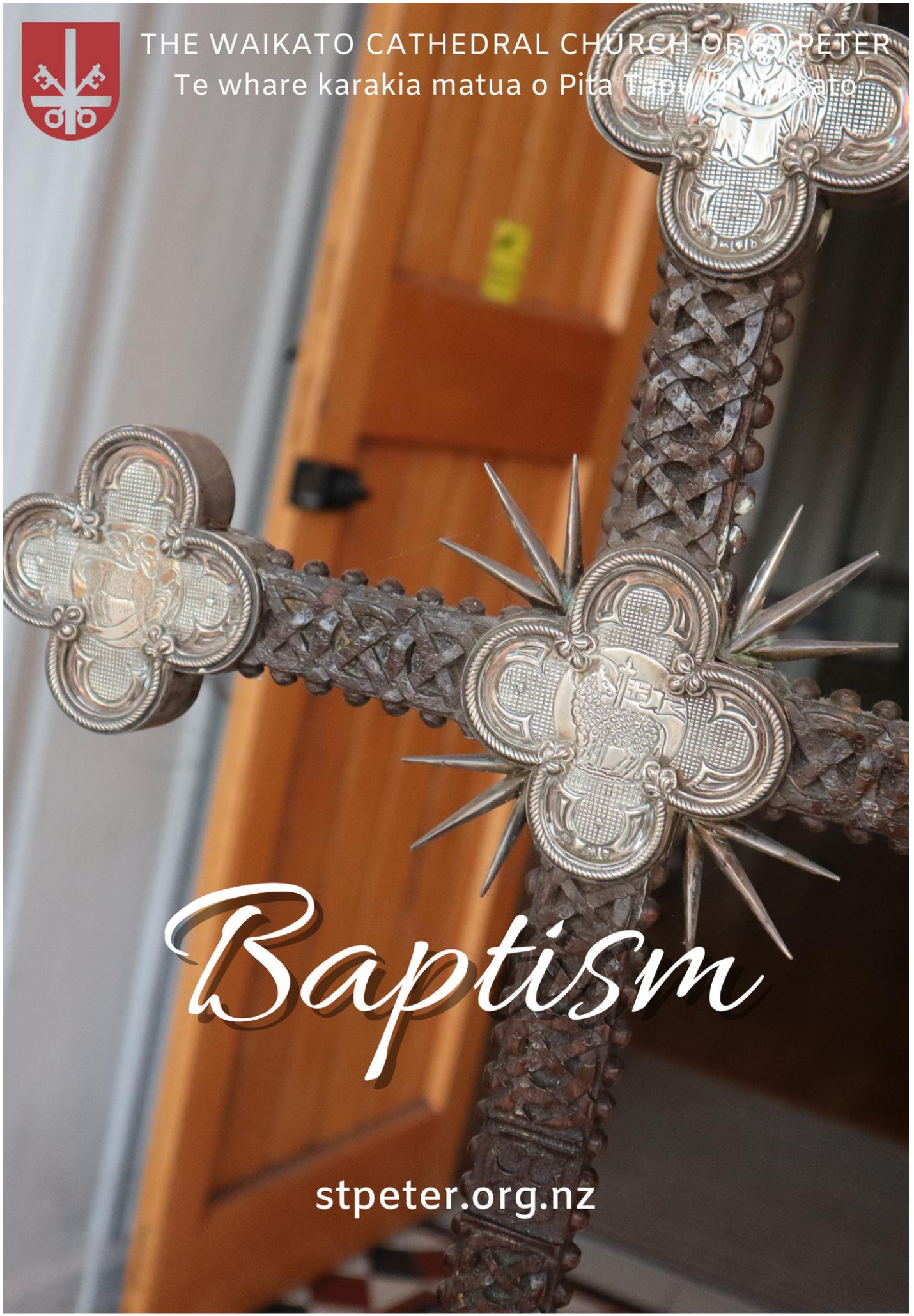




THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER  
Te whare karakia matua o Pita Taou o Waikato



# Baptism

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# *A Service of Baptism*

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

*At St Peter's we seek to welcome believers into the family of God. We are a church that has at its heart generous hospitality (Manaakitanga). All are welcome and what we have we will willingly share with you. We are happy to make space for you and your whanau, our hope is that you will commit to joining us as often as you can in order to continue this journey you have embarked upon. Baptism is not just a one off event.*

*Every Sunday is a celebration for us so we will always be available, we will invite you back especially at significant events when we seek to gather all our whanau to celebrate together.*

*If you have struggles in life or in your whanau please do not hesitate to be in touch we can help in lots of different ways and please know that we will pray for you and your whanau as you embark on this great journey of knowing Jesus Christ.*

*Within this booklet we use liturgy to speak and pray to God, the words that are in **Bold** we all say together, the rest belongs to the priest whose role it is to perform the baptism and there are some parts that are just for the parents, carer's and God parents.*

*People often ask what does it cost to be baptised at the Cathedral. Baptism is a free gift from God. God's gifts are always free. However, if you want to make a donation to the ongoing work of our Cathedral, there is a donation box at the entrance.*

*If you have any question, please do not hesitate to ask.*

*Bless you, Dean Wendy*

## **Welcome**

E te whānau a te Karaiti | Dear friends in Christ,  
God is love, God gives us life.

We love because God first loves us.

In baptism God declares that love;  
in Christ God calls us to respond.

## **The Presentation for Baptism**

*Families, sponsors/godparents say*

*We present **Name** to be baptised and made a member of  
the Body of Christ, the Church.*

Today is a special day when we welcome *N*  
into the family of God and into the community  
of this Christian Church here at St Peter's Cathedral.

The early church received believers by baptism.  
On the day when the apostles first preached  
the Gospel of Christ's resurrection,  
Peter urged his hearers,

*'Repent and be baptised, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins,  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is to you and to your children,  
and to all who are far away, to all who  
the Lord our God may call.'*

The Church receives you with aroha and joy.  
Today we are trusting God for your growth in faith.

*N*, how do you respond to this promise?

*I hear God's call and ask for baptism.*

Will you pray for *N*, and guide *her/him* in Christ's way?

*Families, sponsors/godparents say*

*With the help of God, we will.*

Will you care and love *N*, and share your faith with *her/him*?

*Candidates, families, sponsors/godparents say*

*With the help of God, we will.*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*Families, sponsors/godparents say*

*We renounce all evil.*

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

*In faith I turn and come to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.*

Faithful and loving God,

Bless those who care for *N* and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.

Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from all evil.

Fill them with the light of your presence

and establish them in the joy of your kingdom. **Amen.**

## ***The Baptism***

Thank you God for your love in all creation,  
especially for your gift of water to sustain,  
refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for the example of your Son that  
in the waters of the Jordan he was baptised by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.  
He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.  
It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit.

Sanctify this water, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image, may we walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen! Blessed be God forever.**

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

**Amen!**

**God receives you by baptism into the Church.**

**We welcome you child of God,**

**blessed in the Spirit. Welcome to the family of Christ!**

I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

You are marked & set apart as His own today, and always.

*A parishioner will now present a candle to the newly baptised*

Walk in the faith of Christ  
crucified and risen.  
Shine with the light of Christ.

As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism  
and will share with *N* what we ourselves have received:  
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,  
a desire to follow the way of Christ,  
and food for the journey.

*N*, you are now a pilgrim with us,  
as a member of Christ's body, the Church.  
May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your purpose in the world  
and follow Jesus Christ all the days of your life.

*A blessing for the families, sponsors & godparents*

God bless you with wisdom and love,  
may *N* find in you, your homes and families  
Christ's love, grace and understanding.  
**Amen.**

**God of love,**  
**we thank you for our calling to be followers of Christ.**  
**Help us to nurture *N* in the faith we share.**  
**May *s/he* grow to love, worship and serve you,**  
**and bring Christ's love, light and life to the world.**  
**Amen.**

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