

Template for Welcome to Life & Child Naming Celebrations

The template provides some of the elements that could be included in the Naming Ceremony.
These are optional and open to revision as to order and elements to be included.



Introduction

Welcomes the gathering and explains the purpose of the Ceremony

Questions to Significant Others

The questions are put to the gathering, grandparents, mentors or guardians.
Questions to the parents might include pledges and or intentions.

Formal Naming Ceremony

A ritual in honour of the naming of the child.

Readings

A selection of readings is provided and parents can choose one or two. These can be read by the officiant or people that the parents wish to honour and include in the ceremony.

Gifts, Tokens and Good Wishes for the Child

Gifts, souvenirs and tokens of the ceremony can be given to the child and also to the significant others as tokens of their commitment to the child. This ceremony would be accompanied by suitable words that explain the meaning of the gifts. Sometimes a Time Capsule is included.

Reflection and Readings

Presentation and Signing of Naming Certificates

Naming certificates can be signed by Parents, Sponsors and Grandparents and presented to them.

Closing Words

The Celtic Well Wishing or a joyous Humanist blessing on the occasion of the celebration.
Guests are invited to congratulate the parents and mentors.
A toast and refreshments to end the day.