

*Readings for the baptism of*



ORLA RAE

Sunday 3rd September, 2023

*Holy Trinity Church, Potten End*

## **The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, Matthew 18**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them.

And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

### **"Words for Orla", written by Marisa**

We hope you find what you love and pursue it with your whole heart. When you discover your purpose, you will be unstoppable. Loving what you do, who you are with, and who you are, is what will make everything worthwhile.

We hope you can learn to find admiration and inspiration in others, don't waste your time on comparison and jealousy. There is no one else in the world like you.

This is your journey so go out there and write your own amazing story.

We hope you can see any challenges as opportunities for growth and the stepping stones to your success. Always remember that the sky is not the limit, you are, so dream big gorgeous girl.

We hope you can participate fully in every moment life gives you. Embrace whatever comes your way with an open heart. Life is yours for the taking. Remember that when you put your mind to it, anything is possible, we are all here with you, every step of the way.

## "May She Know", written by Jess Ulrichs

I want my niece  
to know her own strength,  
to know love without borders,  
and dream at great length.

I hope she is brave,  
and I hope she reads books,  
when people say she's pretty -  
she'll know it's more than her looks.

For she's pretty smart,  
and she's pretty kind.  
May she be heard for her voice,  
and seen for her mind.

As she grows into a woman  
I hope she stands strong.  
For some will try knock her,  
but I hope she holds on.

Because her power is great,  
and cannot be measured.  
Her passion and vulnerability  
should always be treasured.

May she know the difference  
between right and wrong,  
not because of some rules,  
but what is in her heart's song.

May she question the narrative,  
make choices, speak clear.  
May she never repeat herself  
out of doubt or fear.

May she strive for big things  
in a world that screams thin,  
just as a man's size does not define him.

I hope she sticks up for those who need it,  
herself included, I hope she believes it.

May no one dim her light,  
May it shine  
May it grow  
What a force that she is.

May she always know.

# **Godparents**

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