

REGISTRATION FOR BAPTISM OF A CHILD

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN & SIGNED BY THE PARENTS OF THE CHILD AND RETURNED TO PARISH OFFICE WITH PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR BOOKING:

PARTICULARS ARE FOR THE BAPTISMAL REGISTER
(Please Print in **BLOCK** letters)

SURNAME of CHILD	CHRISTIAN NAMES*
Address:	Phone:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Father's Name & Surname:	Mother's First Name & <u>MAIDEN NAME:</u>
Religion:	Religion:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Paternal Grandfather's Full Name: (This is your baby's grandfather)	Maternal Grandfather's Full Name: (This is your baby's grandfather)
Paternal Grandmother's Name & Maiden Name: (This is your baby's grandmother)	Maternal Grandmother's Name & Maiden Name: (This is your baby's grandmother)
Place of Marriage: (Church or other/Town/Country)	

Name of Godparents:

.....Religion:.....

.....Religion:.....

.....Religion:.....

Names of other children & ages (*include date of birth*):

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Requested day for Baptism:	Date:	Time:
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* Parents should be reminded that traditionally children are given the name of a Saint so that they have a patron in heaven.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED SO AS TO GAIN SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE FAMILY COMMITMENT TO THE FAITH:

(Please circle the appropriate response)

Is the family a member of the Parish? YES NO

if no, what is your Parish?_____

Is the family known to the Parish? YES NO

Does the family have any *active* involvement with the Parish? YES NO

If yes, please indicate by ticking the appropriate boxes

- ☐ Regularly participates at Mass
- ☐ Occasionally participates at Mass
- ☐ Rarely participates at Mass
- ☐ Participates in Parish activities
- ☐ Supporters of the Parish
- ☐ Other, please explain

(Any further comments that need to be made)

- ☐ We have other siblings attending the Parish school
- ☐ I give consent for the Parish to share Name, Address & Date of Birth with the Parish Primary School.

REQUEST FORM

FOR PARENTS:

We request that our son/daughter be received into the community of God’s people, at the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

We personally believe in Jesus and in His Gospel. We are dedicated to the Christian way of life and wish to share the joy of this faith with our children.

We understand that we are the first teachers of our children and are responsible for the Christian upbringing of our child. In particular, we acknowledge our commitment to be faithful to Christian family life and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

We are aware that our child must be carefully prepared over a period of time for full, active participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. We rely on God’s help and the continued support of our parish community, in accepting our responsibility, as Christian parents.

SIGNED.....SIGNED
Father Mother

INTERVIEWER.....DATE.....

REQUEST FORM FOR GODPARENTS

*Please return this form at the **Baptism Instruction**.*

INFORMATION FOR GODPARENTS

1. A Godparent must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
2. A Godparent must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
3. A Godparent must be a member of the Catholic Church.*
4. A Godparent must be at least 16 years of age.

**A Baptized and believing Christian from a non-Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness along with a Catholic Godparent. (Canon 874)*

I / We wish to act as Godparents and accept our responsibilities during the celebration of the Baptism of (name of child).....

I / We are loyal members of the Catholic Church and seek to live out the responsibilities of Confirmed Christians who regularly celebrate the Eucharist. We are dedicated to Christ and His Church and we wish to be associated with these parents in sharing the joys and challenges of our faith with their children.

I / We understand that to be followers of Christ, we must be faithful to prayer and to the celebration of the Sacraments. We acknowledge our need of God's help as we accept the honour and responsibilities of Godparents of this child.

- ☐ **I am a Catholic and have received the the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.**
(This must to be completed by one Catholic Sponsor – A non-Catholic person cannot be a Sponsor, and they can only be an official Witness to the Baptism, according to Canon Law 874)

Signed: Signed:
Catholic Sponsor

Signed: Signed:

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD
at ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, 59 Newton Rd Newton 5074
Phone: 8337 3849 Mobile: 0403 807 100

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS

USUAL TIMES FOR BAPTISMS: Baptisms are usually celebrated on **Saturday at 4.00pm** & **Sunday at 12.30pm OR 1.00 pm** (depending on availability of the Priest and the Church)

Please contact the Parish Office between 10am – 4pm to make a booking

NO GROUP BAPTISMS: Due to COVID-19 health regulations there is ONLY one child baptised. Also some parents might like to have Baptism during the Mass. *(Because of time restraints at the 9:00am Sunday Mass only one Baptism can be allowed and that rarely because of the time factor and the burden placed on the congregation if they are not informed before hand)*

BE ON TIME: Please remind people to be on time - otherwise it may inconvenience others.

SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM: All sponsors for Baptism, according to Canon Law 874, must be Confirmed Catholics, who have received Holy Communion and show that they live a life of faith. Sponsors should be not less than 16 years of age. A father or mother of the child cannot be a Sponsor. Only one Sponsor is necessary but two are allowed. A non-Catholic person cannot be a Sponsor, and they can only be an official Witness to the Baptism if there is a Catholic Sponsor present.

REGISTRATION: Requirement for registering you child's Baptism:

Baptism papers can either be collected or sent via email for parents to complete at the time of booking the Baptism. You will be required to complete the first two pages and ensure that it is signed by both parents, necessary for the Baptismal Register and to secure your booking. Also you will receive the Request Form for Godparents Form, which needs to be submitted at the Instruction session (see notes below). If you would like to a copy of Baptism Information Booklet 'Your baby's baptism' it is available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$6.00.

INSTRUCTION: Requirements for preparation for your child's Baptism:
FOR PARENTS AND ALL GODPARENTS:

A one hour '**Baptism Instruction**' session for both parents and Godparents (no children please). This is held in the Bishop Kennedy Room of the Church (enter at the front of the Church and proceed upstairs). The date and time for this Instruction will be given to you prior to the Baptism. The completed Request Form for Godparents should be signed by the Godparents and returned at the Baptism Instruction.

BAPTISMAL ROBE, BIB & CANDLE

These are suggested and memorable gifts from the Godparents. The Candle may be purchased from Pauline Bookshop or Christian Supplies at Findon. The Baptismal Robe & Bib should be white and is available from most babywear shops.

OFFERING: It is a customary Catholic practice to give an offering of money to the Priest. This offering should be by cash only as cheques and cards are not accepted. This can be made when you return your signed Registration forms at the Parish Office before the Baptism.

Minimum recommended by the Archbishop's Office is \$150.

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Please print

Child's name(s): _____

Child's Godparents' name(s): _____

Parents' names: _____

Parents' suburb of residence: _____

(NB: Due to space restrictions we may not be able to print
all the Godparents' names if there are more than four.)

Baptism details

Date of baptism: _____

Name and address of Church (or other location) where baptism took place: _____

Name of Priest who baptised your child: _____

Parents' contact details

Daytime phone no(s): _____ Mobile no(s): _____

Email address(s): _____

Baptism photos and details

We would love to publish a photo of the special day - it can be a single photo of child or a group shot. We will need:

* High resolution image. * Names of people in the photo, listed left to right.

Mail to: Catholic Communications, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000

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