

Preparation for Baptism

DECLARATION OF PARENTS

I/We have asked to have my/our child _____
be Baptised. In doing so, I am/we are accepting the
responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the Faith.

It will be my/our duty to bring him/her up to keep God's
commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our
neighbour.

I/we clearly understand what I am/we are undertaking.

Signed: _____ Father

Signed: _____ Mother

Date: _____



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keeping the course description for your information*

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Christians believe that from the first moment of being each person is in relationship with God in Christ: through Him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through Him. From this starting point all life is gift, is encounter, discovery and response. Baptism is the church's welcome - God's people's welcome into a full sacramental share in God's life in Christ.

Living and sharing faith, then, becomes a job for life. Everyone is qualified for this task, because each one can say I live in Christ and Christ lives in me.

When you ask for your child to be baptised, you undertake to be the first teachers of your child in the ways of the faith. You do not do this alone; the parish community as a whole come together to pass on their faith and the Church's tradition to our children.

Bringing new life into the world is one of the greatest miracles of life. It brings with it many responsibilities. In a real way, the work is only just beginning. Over the years, you will have to care for this wonderful new life and help your baby to grow and become a loving and happy person, able to find joy and to bring joy to the world. The love you have for your baby is part of the love that God has. Just as you want your baby to find love, happiness and peace so does God. In the Sacrament of Baptism, God shows this love. Through Baptism, your child will become, in a very special way, God's own child and part of the family of the Church.

Parents choose a Godparent (s) whose role it is to sponsor the child for the Sacrament and to provide the parents with support in raising the child in faith. Godparents must be Catholics (baptised, confirmed and regular participants in the Eucharist) and living a good life as a Catholic. A baptised person of another Christian Church may serve as a Christian witness in place of the second Godparent.

There are two sessions of preparation for the parents. It is an opportunity to explore and deepen your reasons for bringing your child to Baptism, and to understand the effects this will have on your child's life. You are inviting your child to live as a Christian, a follower of Christ, just as you do. A Catholic parent has the prime responsibility and should therefore attend the course, although non-Catholic parents are also very welcome.

Once you have completed the course you can arrange for the baptism of your child. The Rite of Reception will be celebrated during Sunday Mass. The Baptism may be celebrated on a Sunday afternoon at 1:45 pm, or on the first Saturday of the month at the 6:30pm Mass or during any of the Sunday Masses.

Please keep this half of the course description for yourself.

Baptism Preparation Registration Form

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Child _____

Male or Female _____

Date of birth of child _____

Full name of Father _____

Is Father Roman Catholic? Yes No

If yes, please advise which Sacraments received

Baptism First Communion Confirmation

If no, please state religion _____

Full Name of Mother _____

Is Mother Roman Catholic? Yes No

If yes, please advise which Sacraments received

Baptism First Communion Confirmation

If no, please state religion _____

Maiden name of Mother _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

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