



BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

at St Francis of Assisi Church - Newton Parish
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Parent Information Sheet

Baptism Booking Times

Baptisms are usually celebrated on **Sundays at 12.30pm OR 1.00pm** (depending on availability of the Priest and the Church). **Please contact the Parish Office between 9am–4pm to make a booking**

Group Baptisms

There may be more than one Baptism at the same time. *(No more than four)*
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, they can only be an official Witness to the Baptism if there is a Catholic Sponsor present.

Requirement for Registering Your Child for Baptism

Baptism forms 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 following 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).

Preparation Required for Your Child's Baptism

A one hour **Baptism Instruction** session for both FOR PARENTS AND ALL GODPARENTS. This is held in the Church. The date and time for this Instruction will be given to you prior to the Baptism. The completed Request for Godparents Form should be signed by the Godparents and returned at the Baptism Instruction or before.

Baptismal Robe, Bib & Candle

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

Offering (either Cash or EFT):

It is custom to give an offering to the Church and the Clergy for the celebration of the Baptism. Below you will find details on how to make the offering. After payment has been made, send an email to the Parish Office. This can also be made by cash when you return your signed Registration Forms at the Parish Office before the Baptism.

Electronic Banking Details for PARISH \$100

A/c Name: CCES Inc Newton Parish
BSB: 066-782
A/c Number: 1000 00278
Reference: 778BAP (Surname/Date)

Electronic Banking Details for CLERGY \$150

A/c Name: Diocesan Presbytery Fund/Newton
BSB: 066-782
A/c Number: 1000 27214
Reference: 778BAP (Surname/Date)



REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM OF A CHILD

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This form must be completed and signed by the parents of the child and returned to the Parish Office with payment to secure your booking.

The details below are needed 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 & MAIDEN NAME:
Religion:	Religion:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Place of Marriage: (Church or other/Town/Country)	

Name of Godparents:

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

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

..... Age/Date of Birth:.....
 Age/Date of Birth:.....

OFFICE USE ONLY

Baptism Day	Baptism Date	Baptism Time	Payment Details Church: _____ Priest: _____
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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.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM OF A CHILD cont...

These questions are designed to gain some understanding of the family commitment to the faith.

The details below are needed for the Baptismal Register.

Please Circle the appropriate responder. Please Print in BLOCK letters.

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 within the Parish? YES NO

If yes, please indicate by ticking the appropriate boxes

- Regularly participates at Mass
- Occasionally participates at Mass
- Participates in Parish activities
- Supporters of the Parish
- We have other siblings attending the Parish School
- Other, please explain

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Any further comments:

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Privacy Disclaimer

- I give consent for the Parish to share Name, Address and Date of Birth with the Parish Primary School.
- By checking this box you agree for the name of you and your child to be published in the Parish Newsletter and other communication channels. Please uncheck if you wish to not have those names published.



BAPTISM REQUEST FORM FOR PARENTS

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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.

Mother

Name:

Signed: Date

Father

Name:

Signed: Date

Baptism Instructor:

Signed: Date



BAPTISM REQUEST FORM FOR GODPARENTS

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This form must be completed by the Godparents, herein referred to as Sponsors, and returned at the **Baptism Instruction**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GODPARENTS

A Godparent **must** have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

A Godparent **must** be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

A Godparent **must** be a member of the Catholic Church*.

A Godparent **must** be at least 16 years of age.

**A Baptised 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):

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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 / We are 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)

Sponsor/s

Signed: Date

Signed: Date

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