



PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Information for parents and godparents

Floreat/
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BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated at St Cecilia's Church within Sunday Mass at 9.30am. Another option is Saturday morning at 10.30am, this is not during a Mass.

Please ring the parish office and make an appointment to meet with Fr. Wayne. [This is just to say hello and confirm the date for baptism. It should take no longer than 15 minutes].

You are then required to attend a Baptismal Instruction, led by parishioners, held at the Parish Centre on the **LAST** Wednesday of the month at **7.30pm**. PARENTS (and Godparents if they are in town) should be there. Allow for one hour.

On the baptism day, please come and say hello to Father to let him know you are here. Please arrive by 9.15am.

It is normal that an offering/donation be given to the priest after the ceremony.

GODPARENTS

Godparents represent the wider spiritual family of the child. As such, they are an ever present sign of the Church's care for your child and its involvement in his or her spiritual and religious development.

The primary role of a godparent is to help the child develop a living faith and to persevere in living this faith as he or she grows and develops.

Godparents should be constantly involved in the life of your child and in particular, when your child celebrates the other sacraments of Initiation - Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

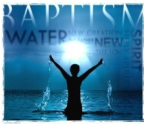
Godparents also help the parents so that your child will come to profess and live the Christian faith within our Catholic tradition.

In order to do this, at least one of the Godparents must be a practising Catholic adult who has been confirmed and who witnesses to the Catholic faith in word and action in their daily lives.

Baptised Christians of other faith traditions can be Christian witnesses at the Baptism Ceremony.

THE SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM

After baptism, the priest will use the symbols of Water, Oil, Clothing and Light to express your child's membership in the Body of Christ.



Water

Water is essential for life. Without it things die. It is necessary for growth and development. The water of Baptism is a symbol of God's own life poured out for us in Christ so that we can remain alive in God.



Oil

We use the Oil called Chrism (from the Greek word for Christ) to anoint your child. This oil is consecrated by the Archbishop each year and is sent out to the parish Churches to be used for Baptism.

Oil soothes and heals, nourishes and protects, penetrates and becomes part of us. It is a wonderful symbol of Christ who will be a source of healing, nourishment and protection for your child. Like the Oil, the spirit of Christ penetrates and becomes part of us.



Clothing

The white baptism clothing in which your child is clothed during the ceremony is a symbol that your child is now clothed in Christ.

It is the face of Christ that he or she is now to present to the world - a face which speaks of love and compassion, peace and grace.



Light

Your child's candle is lit from the Paschal (or Easter) Candle in the Church. The flame is a symbol of the flame of faith which will burn throughout your child's life.

The candle is entrusted to you and the Godparents. Its flame (the faith of your child) is to be nourished and kept burning until your child is old enough to keep the flame burning itself.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2011

Saturday's at 10.30am

Sunday's during 9.30 Mass

January 8th, 15th, 22th

February 5th, 12th, 20th

March 5th

LENT NO BAPTISMS

April 24th Easter Sunday one baby

May 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th

June 4th, 11th

July 9th, 16th, 24th,

August 6th, 13th, 21st

September 3rd, 10th, 18th

October **No Parish Priest**

November 5th, 12th, 20th

December 3rd, 10th, 18th

PLEASE COMPLETE THE
BAPTISM ENROLMENT
FORM TO ENROL YOUR
CHILD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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