

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

Having your children baptised is an important step and it needs to be thought about carefully. It means that they are becoming a Christian and they are being welcomed into the Family of God. You, as parents, are undertaking to bring up your children to know and to practise the faith of the Holy Catholic Church.

As parents, you have given life to your child, but birth is only the beginning. Your child still depends upon you for everything, for food, for clothes and for a loving home in which to grow. This is equally true of the Christian life. Baptism is only the beginning. The home is the primary training ground; the parents are the most important teachers.

Godparents must be practising Catholics. References will be required from the Parish Priest of the proposed Godparents if they live outside of this parish. If you are all willing to accept the obligation of bringing up this child in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith, then please complete the attached forms. Please bring the form and the items below to the baptism class:

- Child's birth certificate
- Photographic ID of parents – e.g., passport, driving licence, ID card etc.
- If you are not a parishioner of St Joseph's, then a letter from your parish priest granting permission for your child to be baptised at St Joseph's Church

If you have any questions, please call Katrina, our Baptism Coordinator, on 07568 502 803. She will be able to advise you and give you more information about our baptism classes (run the first Saturday of each month) and answer any questions you may have. Please also check with her before making any firm arrangements with family and friends regarding the date of the Baptism.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (cf. 1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming them into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Yours faithfully

Father Hyacinth



APPLICATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Child

Christian Name(s):	Surname:
Gender: - <i>please tick</i> <input type="radio"/> Boy <input type="radio"/> Girl	Date of Birth:
Place of birth:	In the country of:

Parents

Full name of Father:	Religion:
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Full name of Mother:	Religion:
Maiden name of Mother (if applicable):	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	

Address of where the child resides

Address:
Postcode:



Godparents

Godparents can confirm that they:

- Are at least 16 years of age
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist in the Catholic Church
- Participate regularly in Sunday Mass and can receive the Holy Eucharist
- Actively witness to their faith in Jesus Christ by the way they live in service and love to the people with whom they come in contact daily
- Shall give Christian witness and pray for this child as their Godparent
- Understand and accept the responsibility that they undertake as a Godparent.

Full name of Godfather:	Name and address of Parish Church:
Full name of Godmother:	Name and address of Parish Church:

We have read and understood the information provided. We understand the meaning and effects of Baptism and solemnly promise to do our best by word and example to bring up Child's name as a practicing member of the Catholic Church. Prior to receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we undertake to attend the Baptism Preparation Class.

Father's signature:	Date:
Mother's signature:	Date:

For office use only:	
Date of Baptism Class attended:	Child's birth certificate seen: <input type="radio"/> - Yes <input type="radio"/> - Copy taken
Parishioners of St Joseph's <input type="radio"/> - Yes <input type="radio"/> - No	Letter from own parish <input type="radio"/> - N/A <input type="radio"/> - Yes <input type="radio"/> - No
Father's ID seen: <input type="radio"/> - Yes ID: Ref #:	Mother's ID seen: <input type="radio"/> - Yes ID: Ref #:
Godfather's reference requested: <input type="radio"/> - Yes Date:	Godmother's reference requested: <input type="radio"/> - Yes Date:
Godfather's reference received? <input type="radio"/> - Yes Date:	Godmother's reference received? <input type="radio"/> - Yes Date:
Date of Baptism:	Time of Baptism: