

Do you attend Sunday Mass ?

At the Last Supper Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist and commanded: *“Do this in memory of me.”* The Church has been faithful to this command by celebrating the Holy Mass every Sunday for the last two thousand years. In this way the Covenant of God’s redemptive love is perpetually renewed.

In the Baptism ceremony you promise to bring up your child in the practice of this Faith. Are you ready to join with God’s family in this weekly commemoration of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection?



What does Church Law say about the priest’s right to defer a Baptism ?

For the licit baptism of an infant it is necessary that there be a well founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such a hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be put off and the parents are to be informed of the reason. (can.868.2)

In order that he can fulfil his sworn duty to uphold the law of the Church the parish priest may require that the parents first demonstrate an intention to practice the Faith by attending Sunday Mass for a sustained period of time.



What does Church Law say about preparation for Baptism ?

The parents & sponsors are to be properly instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and the obligations attached to it. (can. 851,2)

In order to fulfil this obligation the parish priest will meet with you some time before the Baptism. The practical arrangements of time and date will also be made at this meeting.

What does Church Law say about Sponsors ?

A candidate for Baptism should be given a Sponsor. (also known as Godparents). (can.872).

Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed. (can.873)

A sponsor must be at least 16 years old, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, made First Holy Communion and leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken. They must have the intention of performing this role. (can.874,2 & 3)

The parents of the child may not assume the role of sponsor. (can.874.5)

Parents’ Commitment

I promise that I will bring up my child in the practice of the Catholic Faith.

Father’s signature.....

Mother’s signature.....

Godparents’ Commitment

I promise that I will take an active spiritual concern for my Godchild a support the child’s parents

Godfather’s signature.....

Godmother’s signature.....

Application for Baptism

Child's Surname:

Child's Christian Names:

Address:

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Phone:

Date of Birth:

Father's Name:

Father's Religion:

Mother's Name:

Maiden Name:

Mother's Religion:

Date & Place of Marriage:

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Godfather:

Godmother:

The truth about Baptism



The grace of Baptism gives us the capacity to know

God through Faith, to love and serve Him as true children of God, joined to God's family by the cleansing from Original sin. Baptism confers new life which begins here on earth and reaches its fulfilment in Eternity. This new life demands our deepest gratitude and generous co-operation.

What could be more important than our friendship with God?



Baptism at Holy Souls

Can my child be baptised at Holy Souls?

Yes:

- If this is your regular place of worship
- If you are a Catholic living in this Parish.

Baptisms of children in the Parish usually take place on Sunday afternoons and are arranged by agreement with the parish clergy.



Parents and Godparents are asked to read and consider carefully the information contained in this form. The worthy celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism demands a readiness to fulfil all of the obligations that are implicit in this great Gift.