

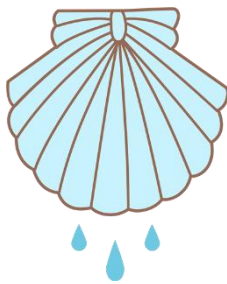
St Edward's Catholic Parish

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BAPTISM REQUEST FORM



Baptism

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GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

As you are seeking the baptism of your child in the Roman Catholic Church, the following guidelines are presented to help you embark upon this journey of faith with Christ and his Church.

A. The Sanctifying Role of the Church

(Code of Canon Law, c. 842, 849; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213, 1263, 1265, 1267-1270)

Through Baptism, God enables us to participate in his life in Jesus Christ and makes us his children. It is through this sacrament that we receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the People of God, of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Baptism becomes our commitment to grow in this new life and to strive to acquire spiritual maturity. By baptism, God purifies us from sin.

Baptism is the sacrament of faith which has the Risen Christ as its source, and it is the offer of salvation for all people. Intimately linked to Confirmation and to Eucharist, Baptism is, with these two sacraments, Christian Initiation. The child is baptized in the faith of his/her parents, of his/her godparents and of the Church.

B. Basic Guidelines and Information for Infant (to include young children) Baptism

(Code of Canon Law, cc. 857, 867-868, 872-874; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1251-1255)

Before an infant is baptised, the parents and godparents are questioned about their faith:

- *Do you reject all that is evil?*
- *Do you believe in God, the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*
- *Do you believe in the holy, Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

PARENTS are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. Except in case of necessity, the church is the usual place of baptism. In order that a child be baptized, it is necessary that the parents consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place, and that there is reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Faith. Parents solemnly promise to bring their children up in the Catholic faith. They undertake the responsibility of teaching their child to know, love and pray to God. This involves promising to bring the child to Mass and to prepare the child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. These are solemn promises made to God, and *before a child is baptised, parents must agree to accept these responsibilities.*

GODPARENTS: A person may only have one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.

In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent they must be chosen by the parents, have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

A baptised member of another Christian Community may act as a Christian witness together with the Catholic sponsor. A non-baptized person cannot be a witness.

C. Baptismal Preparation in your Parish

(Code of Canon Law, c. 851; Catechism of the Catholic Church 843)

Open yourself to the invitation to actively join the faith community of your parish. If you are not registered parishioners, please consider becoming involved in the prayer and celebration of the Sunday Eucharistic community.

You will be invited to participate in a baptismal preparation session for parents.

It is extremely important to take your faith-life seriously because, before God, you have taken on an awesome responsibility for the salvation of another—your own child! Your commitment and openness to baptismal preparation will help develop the faith-life of your child as he/she matures.

Offering: It is appropriate that an offering be made prior to the occasion of Baptism. An envelope for that purpose is attached or EFT to BSB 082 105 Acct. No. 001058473. \$75 suggested offering.

Candle: You will need to supply a baptismal candle at the ceremony.

Proposed date of Baptism: _____ Time: _____
(This is subject to availability and will be confirmed when presenting this completed form to the Parish Office)

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS: *(same as birth certificate):*

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

PARENT'S DETAILS

Father's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

Are there any separation, divorce and/or formal parenting orders concerning the child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism? YES ____ NO ____ *(x one)* if yes please complete over page.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CANDIDATE

Complete Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

GODPARENT'S DETAILS *(see conditions above... nominate 2 names... only 2 names will appear in the register and certificate)*

Godfather's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Godmother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Do you give permission for your child's Baptism Details to be given to the Parish School, if requested for enrolment purposes? YES ____ NO ____ *(x one)*

***I hereby give my consent for my child to be admitted to the Sacrament of Baptism
in St Edward's Catholic Parish, South Tamworth.***

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officiating Minister: _____ **PTO**

PARENTAL AUTHORITY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In matters of separation or divorce, the Family Law Court of Australia considers that for a child to be recognised in any religion, the decision is to be made by the parent with parental responsibility. More often than not, the Court will provide for both parents to have equal shared parental responsibility unless it is not in the best interests of the child to do so. If there are no Court orders, then it is presumed that both parents have equal shared parental responsibility.

Thus, unless the Court orders that one parent has sole parental responsibility, the consent of both parents needs to be obtained in the absence of a specific Court order, for the child/ren to receive the Catholic Sacraments.

A copy of any Court orders concerning residence arrangements for the Candidate, time spent by the Candidate with either parent, or parenting issues must be supplied with this Application Form.

If there is no Court Order in place and one parent is unable to be located a signed statutory declaration is required from the parent requesting baptism of the child, stating that every effort has been made to secure consent of both parties and the circumstances preventing such consent being obtained.

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- Are there such orders? Yes / No
- Has a copy of every Order been attached to this Baptismal Request Form? Yes / No

For pastoral reasons, could you please inform us:

- Is the father's name to be placed on the Baptismal Certificate? Yes / No
- Will the father be attending the Baptism? Yes / No
- Is the mother's name to be placed on the Baptismal Certificate? Yes / No
- Will the mother be attending the Baptism? Yes / No

***I hereby give my consent for my child to be admitted to the Sacrament of Baptism
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Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please attached scanned copy of the father's ID (e.g. driver's licence, passport, or government issued photo card)

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please attached scanned copy of the mother's ID (e.g. driver's licence, passport, or government issued photo card)

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Parish Office use only:

CHECKLIST

	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Request Form	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Birth Certificate of the Child	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic Parent	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Have attended the Baptismal Preparation Course on:	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Offerings received: \$ _____	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Family Law Court Order(s)	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of father's identity attached	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of mother's identity attached	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Statutory Declaration	____ / ____ / ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Details recorded in the Parish Register	____ / ____ / ____

PP's / Parish Secretary's Signature: _____ / ____ / ____

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