Sacrament of Baptism

From Saint Matthew's Gospel

"Jesus came up and spoke to his disciples.
He said, 'all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations;
baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.
And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time'."

(Matt 28:18-20)

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Baptismal Application Form

Bringing new life into the world is one of the greatest miracles of life. It brings with it many responsibilities. Over the years you will have to care for this wonderful new life and help your baby grow and become a loving and happy person, able to find joy and bring joy to the world. One of your first responsibilities as parents is to see to it that the children are baptised and receive a spiritual upbringing.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no.1213) teaches that *Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word".*

To bring your children for Baptism is to be ready to promise to bring them up in the practice of the Catholic faith. You will be asked to make this promise during the ceremony. As well as trying to live a good Christian life yourselves, this will mean teaching your children to pray and praying with them, coming to Mass regularly each Sunday, and helping to prepare your child for the other Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation when the time comes.

Parents choose a godparent (or godparents) whose role it is to provide the parents with help and support in bringing the child up as a Catholic. Ideally, both godparents should be over sixteen and Catholics (baptised, confirmed and regular at Sunday Mass), and living a good life as Catholics. A baptised person of another Christian denomination may serve as a Christian witness, but a godparent has to promise to support the Catholic upbringing of the child.

Baptisms take place by arrangement with the priest whom you will be required to meet before the baptism can be arranged. You and the godparents should be ready to attend a preparation class if so required.

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Registration Form

{PLEASE PRINT}

Name of child.....

Date of birth of child Day.....Month.....Year.....

Full name of father.....

Is father Roman Catholic? Yes/No.

If *no*, please state religion.....

Full name of mother.....

Is mother Roman Catholic? Yes/No.

If *no*, please state religion.....

Maiden name of mother .....

Current Address .....

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Post Code .....

E-mail.....

Telephone number .....

Place of marriage of parents.....

and the date .....

Name(s) of godparent(s):

[1].....

[2].....

PLEASE NOTE:

At least one godparent should be a practising Catholic (i.e., baptised, confirmed and regular participant at Sunday Mass). All godparents should be baptised Christians.

Which Sunday Mass do you usually attend? (Please circle which Mass)

9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm

Declaration of Parents

We/I have asked
to have our/my child.....
baptised.

In doing so, we are/I am accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the Faith.

It will be our/my duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.

We/I clearly understand what we are/I am undertaking.

Signed (father):
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Signed (mother):
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Date:.....

Please tear off this registration form and return it to the presbytery, keeping the other half for your information.

For Parish use

Date of Baptism course attended.....

Date of baptism.....

Signature of Priest.....

Donation.....

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details will be held on file/stored on the parish computer securely. After the Baptism, your details will be entered into the Baptism Register.

You can read our full privacy policy on: rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy