



## *Donation*

It is customary to make an offering normally \$50 which covers the cost of the candle and white garment you take home as well as the Church offering. The offering should be placed in an envelope and handed to your celebrant on the day.

## *Baptism Preparation*

Please call the Parish Office at Cardiff to book your child's Baptism. If this is your first child to be baptised, a Baptism Team Member will contact you about a week prior to the Baptism to arrange a visit with you in your home at a time convenient to you. The team member will bring an application form with them for you to complete.

If you are requesting Baptism for a second or later child, the parish staff will post an application form to you. Please complete this application, being careful to include the full names of the parents and child, and return the application form to the parish office at Cardiff at least one week prior to the Baptism.

## *Times of Baptism*

By Appointment:

- ◆ During Mass or 1st Sunday at St Philip's Kotara at 11am
- ◆ During Sunday Mass or 3rd Sunday of Month at St Columba's Adamstown 11am
- ◆ During Sunday Mass or 2nd Sunday of Month at St Kevin's Cardiff 11am

## *Further Information:*

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with the Baptism Team Member who contacts you or ring the Parish Office on Mondays-Fridays between 9am to 3pm. The office is closed between 12 noon and 1pm.

## *Baptism Team:*

Anne Cuskelly, Vickie Pettet and Margaret Bourke

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## *St Philip's Kotara*

## *Baptism Preparation*



## *Parent Information*

# Welcome and Congratulations!

## Welcome !

The birth of a baby is a time of celebration and a time of many changes.

It brings new and changing responsibilities for the parents. Responsibility for the physical emotional and spiritual needs of your child. These needs will grow and change with your child.

Baptism does not end when the ceremony is over, it is the first step in your child's journey towards God. God Already loves your child and this is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of your child.

Baptism is the beginning of your child's journey of faith and as a parish we offer support for you and your child along that journey. We welcome your child into our faith community through our Baptism program.



## What is Baptism?

When someone is baptised into the church they enter into a new relationship. He or she no longer lives as an individual entity but rather as a member of the body of Christ, the Church. The Baptismal ceremony marks the beginning of a new life of union and an ongoing commitment. The adult baptised person says "Yes, I want to be one with you; I want to live a life faithful to the Gospel." When an infant is baptised the parents and godparents make this commitment on the child's behalf. The community also pledges itself to be one with the person being baptised.



## Godparents

The role of the Godparents is important and they should fully understand and accept responsibility for what they are undertaking. The Godparents should be ready to help the parents bring up the child to profess the faith and to show it by living it. One of the Godparents must be confirmed in the Catholic faith and be at least 16 years of age. Catholic Godparents represent the Church community into which the child is being baptised.

The other Godparents or Christian Witnesses may be a baptised and believing Christian of another denomination.

## Preparation

Parents need to ask themselves a basic question: "Why do I want my child to be baptised?" It must be remembered that through the Sacrament parents are taking on the responsibility of bringing their children up in the practice of the faith. This does not mean just enrolling them in a Catholic school. It means allowing them to be part of a worshipping community of faith. What better example to your child than being part of the community yourself?

## An invitation

The Church considers it important that parents are prepared for the Baptism of their child. A member of your Baptism Preparation Team will contact you to personally welcome your child and explain our Baptism program to you.

It is preferable that both parents be available to meet with the Baptism Team. If your partner is a non-Catholic this is a valuable opportunity to discuss what is involved and ensure you both understand the importance of the decision you have made. The Baptism Team will contact you at least one week prior to arrange a mutually suitable time for a meeting - usually in your own home.