



It is preferable that both parents attend the sessions. 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. You may attend any session at your convenience prior to the Baptism of your child.

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 can be made in the attached envelope.

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Preparation Dates 2016

- ◆ 3rd January
- ◆ 7th February
- ◆ 6th March
- ◆ 3rd April
- ◆ 1st May
- ◆ 5th June
- ◆ 3rd July
- ◆ 7th August
- ◆ 4th September
- ◆ 2nd October
- ◆ 6th November
- ◆ 4th December

Baptism Preparation

1st Sunday of the month 10.30am MacKillop Room
St Kevin's Cottage 230 Main Road Cardiff

Times of Baptism

- ◆ During Sunday Mass or 2nd Sundays of Month at St Kevin's Cardiff 11am
 - ◆ During Mass or 3rd Sundays of Month at Adamstown 11am
 - ◆ During Mass or 1st Sunday of Month at Kotara 11am
- By appointment with Office during office hours.

Notification of Baptism

Please complete Application for Baptism and return to Cardiff Office as soon as possible

Further Information Contact

If you have any problems please feel free to discuss these with the Baptism Team Member or ring the Office on: (02) 4954 0977 Monday - Friday (9am-3pm)

Baptism Team Member

Anne Lamotte

St Kevin's Cardiff

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 pledged 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.

You will then be invited to meet with other couples to attend one Baptism Preparation session. At this session you may book a date for your child's baptism. If you have not had much contact with the parish so far, this is a great chance to meet fellow parishioners. If you are already committed members of the community, you will be able to contribute your knowledge and experience and assist in making others feel welcome.