



Baptism



a caring Catholic community
in Derby

In asking for Baptism for your child you are asking that your child be part of our family at St Joseph's, Derby.

Our Baptism preparation ensures that we get to know you, your family and your child and you get to know us.

We look forward to answering your questions and preparing, with you, to ensure that your child's day of Baptism is all that it is meant to be.



Please complete details on the form overleaf and return to:

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Baptism at St Joseph's, Derby

Your child's baptism will be a special moment for you and your family and most importantly for your child. We hope to help you make it a real welcome into God's family.

Preparation and planning for the baptism of children at St Joseph's is focused upon the importance of your role as parent/s and the celebration and welcome we offer to your child and your family in our community:

1. If you are in St Joseph's Parish Fr John will normally ask to visit you in your home. This is a chance to meet the family and to plan other details such as the preferred date of baptism, the choice of godparents and to look at any concerns or questions you may have. (If you are not in St Joseph's Parish the written permission of your own parish priest is usually needed.)

2. So that you can get the most out of celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism we ask you to come along to one of our Preparation/planning Courses* – which are available every three months. Each Course consists of two sessions on two successive Sundays after the 10.15am Mass. The first of these sessions helps to take a look at your hopes for your child. The second looks at Jesus Christ and how he helps us to be truly and fully human.

We also ask you to attend a "Rite of Welcome" during one of the 10.15am Masses mentioned above or, if you prefer, during any other public Mass. This brief ceremony during Mass allows the parish community to celebrate with you as you prepare to baptise your child.

3. The celebration of Baptism is usually arranged on a day to suit your family. It is important that everyone attending the Baptism feels at home in the ceremony. For many people there are a couple of concerns:

u Not practising as a Catholic?

If you haven't practised as a Catholic in recent years there's no need to feel self-conscious. The baptism of your child can be a new beginning for both your baby and for you. The months and years ahead, in which you try to give the best to your child, will also bring the best out of you.

u A parent who is not a Catholic?

Both parents of every child are welcomed and encouraged to share this important time in your child's life. If one parent is not a Catholic it is important for you to know that the Church respects the views and beliefs of every parent and therefore doesn't insist that you should take part in anything with which you are uncomfortable. If, at any time, there is a particular point you would like to discuss please feel free to do so.

We do not make any charge for baptising your child – especially if you already contribute to the Sunday weekly collection. Otherwise, it is customary to make an offering to the church (average donation £30).

Our Baptism Course is arranged by:

* Lorraine Hay who is our Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

* Fr John Trenchard our parish priest

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Registration for Baptism at St Joseph's, Derby

Are you a registered parishioner of St Joseph's?

Name of Infant/Child

Date of Birth

Nationality

Mother's Name

Father's Name

Other children in the family + ages

Address

Telephone

Email