

## **Declaration of Parents**

*We (I) ask to have my child baptised. In doing so we are (I am) accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith and being a member of the church.*

*I accept that it will be our (my) duty to bring my child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.*

*Furthermore, I will do all that I can to attend Sunday Mass regularly and participate in the life of my parish.*

*I understand the commitment that I am undertaking.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Father)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Godparent)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Godparent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Programme of Preparation for Baptism**



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Dear Parents,

Christians believe that from the very first moment of being each person is in a relationship with God in Christ; “through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him”. (John 1:3-5) From this starting point all life is gift, is encounter, discovery and response. Christ is God-with-us, the pattern of our loving, giving and serving. Baptism is the Church’s welcome – God’s people’s welcome into a full sacramental share in God’s life in Christ.

Living and sharing faith, then, becomes a job for life. Everyone is qualified for this task, because each one can say, *I live in Christ and Christ lives in me*. When you ask to have your child baptised, you undertake to be the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith. You do not do this alone; the parish community come together to pass on their Gospel faith and the Church’s tradition to our children. They do this in a special way through our preparation course.

Bringing new life into the world is one of the greatest miracles of life. It brings with it many responsibilities. In a real way, the work is only just beginning. Over the years, you will have to care for this wonderful new life and help your baby to grow and become a loving and happy person, able to find joy and to bring joy to the world. The love you have for your baby is part of the love that God has. Just as you want your baby to find love, happiness and peace, so does God. In the Sacrament of Baptism, God shows this love. Through it, we celebrate the fact that your child is God’s own child; your child becomes a member of the family of the Church.

Parents of children to be baptised are asked to profess their faith and to accept the responsibility of introducing the child to the Christian way of life. This presumes an active faith life and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist by at least one of the parents. We are ready to help anyone requesting the baptism of their child where this presumption is absent.

Parents choose a godparent (or perhaps godparents) whose role it is to sponsor the child for the Sacrament and to provide the parents with support in the bringing up of the child in the faith. Godparents must be Catholics (baptised, confirmed and regular participants in the Eucharist) and living a good life as a Catholic. A baptised person of another Christian Church may serve as a Christian witness in lieu of the second godparent. Baptisms take place during Mass on the first and third Sunday’s of the month (Except during Lent). To help you to clarify and deepen your reasons for bringing your child to Baptism, parents and Godparents will be invited to a course of preparation for all those whose children will be baptised.

Father David (Parish Priest) Margaret Gill & Robert Borland (Baptismal Catechists)



## Registration form – Baptismal Preparation (Please print)

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

Is Father Roman Catholic? Yes / No. If no, please state religion \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Is Mother Roman Catholic? Yes / No. If no, please state religion \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Catholic Parent (s) baptised?  Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ and do they regularly participate at Mass?

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of Marriage of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Godparents. Please note that at least one should be practicing Catholics (i.e. baptised, confirmed and regularly participating at Mass)  
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Are the Godparents Catholic? Yes / No. If no, please state which Godparent is not Catholic and state their religion. \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Catholic Godparent baptised?  Confirmed?  and do they regularly participate at Mass?

