



SAINT
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC CHURCH ARMADALE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISMS

Please read these instructions carefully **BEFORE**
you fill in the *Baptism Application Form*.

Requirements to Book in a Baptism

- ❑ **Four weeks booking notice** is required.
- ❑ **At least one Parent must be a Catholic.**
- ❑ **At least one Godparent must be a Catholic**
- ❑ You are **expected** to attend a short Baptismal Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptismal Date. **These meetings occur on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm.**

Booking in a Baptism

- **Baptisms are available every Sunday from 11am to 11.30am.**
There may be up to 3 families booked in for a Baptism celebration in each session. Should you wish to book in another time for your baptism, you will need **to speak to the priest directly** to organise an alternative.
- Please indicate on the form what date/time you were hoping to have the baptism. The office will then confirm these details for you.
- A copy of the birth certificate is required for baptismal registration in order to assure the accuracy of our register.
- Once the form is completed, please return the form to the Parish Office between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Or email the completed form to armadale@perthcatholic.org.au.

Whilst completing the form

- ❑ Remember to:
 - ✓ Write neatly.
 - ✓ Attach a copy of the birth certificate to the form.
 - ✓ Have your dates ready (for the baptism and preparation evening)

At the Baptismal Preparation evening

- At least one parent is required to attend, but godparents are most welcome to attend as well.
- Please review the information on your *Baptism Application Form*. The baptism certificate will be produced on the information provided.
- Ask questions! It is your opportunity to get answers to anything you may need clarifying.

BAPTISM CHECKLIST

Baptism Preparation Evening

- First Thursday of every month, 6pm at the Parish office.
- Bookings essential - book when you return the *Baptismal Application Form* to the Parish Office.

Office Requirements

- Copy of the Birth Certificate of the person to be baptised is provided.
- Date & Time of Baptism is confirmed.

Baptism - PLEASE BRING

- A baptism candle**, available from religious good shops such as:
Catholics Corner: Shop 12, 64/66 Bannister Rd, Canning Vale.
Gattos Christian Shop: 108 Wanneroo Rd, Tuart Hill

Or

Buy a white candle, decorate it with ribbon, their name, date of baptism and any suitable symbols.

- A white garment (to be worn by the child):**

Examples:

A white christening gown for a baby

A white dress for a girl

A white shirt for a boy

A white shawl to be placed on the child during the ceremony

For any other enquiries:

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