



BAPTISM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully, **BEFORE** completing the application form.

Requirements to Book a Baptism 0-6 years old

- 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 a Baptism

- **Baptisms are available every Sunday at 11am.** 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 OR if the date is unavailable an alternate date will be offered.
- A copy of your **child's 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**](mailto: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 Baptism Preparation evening

- At least one parent is required to attend, but godparents or another support person 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 on the birth certificate.*
- 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 child 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
- It is good etiquette to make an offering (donation) directly to the priest or Deacon following your child's Baptism.

For any other enquiries:

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