

**St. Martin de Porres Catholic Parish
Avondale Heights**

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Celebrating Your Child's Baptism at St Martin De Porres

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are reborn in Jesus Christ which enables us to receive God's love and the promise of eternal life. As the Sacrament of Baptism is such an important event in the life of your family and Parish, it is important to be prepared properly. So as to ensure a successful celebration we wish to offer the following points.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

First time parents are expected to attend a Preparation Meeting prior to the date of baptism. It is best if you have your child/ren looked after that night while you attend the meeting. Your child's Godparents are also invited to attend. It will be held in the Parish Pastoral Centre (as you come through the traffic lights turn to the right and park in the front school car park, walk to the red brick building in the car park). The duration is about 1 hour.

If you have had your previous child/ren Baptised at St Martin's and are familiar with the procedure you don't need to attend the meeting. You need to drop your paperwork into the Parish Office or email it.

Items to bring to meeting

Birth Certificate – to be sighted by a Baptism Team member

Photo of your baby to display in the foyer of the church around 10 x 15 cm (to fit on A4 paper)

Completed Baptism Certificate details form

Permission letter

If you belong to a Parish other than St Martin de Porres, a Letter of Permission from your Parish Priest will need to be obtained to have your child Baptised outside your own parish. Please bring this letter along with the completed Baptism Information form with you to the meeting.

Candles and Baptismal Stoles

You may wish to buy and decorate your own candle and make the baby's Baptismal stole to place around the baby's shoulders; however, these items may be purchased on the night of the meeting.

Cost of stoles and candles are \$30 each.

Fee

Fee is \$200 per family i.e. \$100 for the use of the church and \$100 for the priest or deacon celebrating the baptism.

Godparents

One Godparent must be a baptised and confirmed Catholic over 16 years of age and cannot be the child's parent. A baptised non-Catholic belonging to another Christian Church may act as a witness in addition to one catholic. An unbaptised person cannot be godparent or witness as they must renew their own baptismal promises as a part of the baptism ceremony.

Welcome Mass

After the meeting and prior to the Baptism, your baby needs to be welcomed at any of our weekend Masses. Please choose from:

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am; 9:30am and 11am (Vietnamese)

Baptisms

Ceremonies are celebrated on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 11am depending on the priest's availability

or at any of our weekend Masses listed below:

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am; 9:30am and 11am (Vietnamese)

We hope that these points may help you to prepare carefully for Baptism and that the day itself may remain always in your mind as a Grace-filled occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Fr. Paul Tru
Parish Priest
St Martin de Porres Parish



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Information for Baptism

(Please print clearly using **BLOCK LETTERS**)



CHILD's Details	Christian Name	Second Name(s)	Surname	
Date of Birth		Birth Certificate No.		
Place of Birth				
Baptism Preparation at a date and time to be arranged			Date	
Date of Welcome		Mass Time		
Date of Baptism		Mass Time		
Celebrant	Rev. Fr.			
PARENTS	Christian Name	Second Name(s)	Surname	Religion
Father				
Mother				
Mother's maiden name (if married)				
Address	Street			
	Suburb		Postcode	
Home Phone No.		Mobile Phone No.		
Email Address				
GODPARENTS or Witness	One Godparent must be a Baptised Confirmed Catholic over 16 years of age and not a parent of the child			
	Christian Name	Second Name(s)	Surname	Religion
Godfather				
Godmother				
Details of other children in the family:				
Christian Name	Surname		Age	Date of Birth