



BAPTISMS

Baptism Celebration

The baptisms are integrated into our regular Masses, fostering a deeper sense of unity and community within our congregation.

Dates: We have chosen to celebrate baptisms on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month, providing families with flexibility in selecting a date that suits them best.

Time options: You will have two convenient time slots to choose from and they are **Saturdays at 5.30pm or Sundays at 9am.**

This program reflects our commitment to ensuring that this important sacrament is not only a personal milestone for your family but also a communal celebration. We believe that by coming together during our regular Masses, we can strengthen the bonds of our parish families and show support to the families welcoming their newest members.

We look forward to the blessings and joy that this new program will bring to our congregation. If you have any questions or wish to schedule a baptism for your child, please contact our parish office.

Parent's role in Baptism

Parents have important responsibilities as the primary teachers of the faith in a child's life. In daily living, Parents help with their child's faith. They set an example of Christian living by their words and actions and show true Christian devotion to their children by fostering a spirit of kindness and forgiveness. You give spiritual support as your child grows in faith and provides for education in the Catholic faith.

Godparent's role in Baptism

The Godparents help present the young child or infant to the Church. They profess their own faith and renounce evil in the name of the young infant being baptised. Godparents represent the entire faith community.

At least one Godparent must be

- * Member of the Catholic Church
- * Fully initiated (must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation)
- * Mature enough to assume the responsibilities involved
- * Actively practicing their faith

Baptism Ceremony

On the baptism day, the child is often dressed in white. The Parish provides the stole and the candle. The stole is placed on the child immediately after baptism to signify purification and victory over sin and death. The candle signifies the light of faith, which is entrusted to the parents and godparents who receive it on behalf of the newly baptised child.

Baptism Procedure

Regular Schedule: Baptisms are integrated into our regular Masses, fostering a deeper sense of unity and community within our congregation and held on the 1st & 3rd weekends of each month providing families with flexibility in choosing from Saturday 5.30pm or Sunday 9am. No baptisms will take place in the month of January.

Special Circumstances: In case requiring special consideration due to pastoral reasons, alternative arrangements can be made and must be discussed and approved by the Parish Priest before scheduling.

Preparation for Parents & Godparents

An information night is held on Wednesday prior to the first Sunday of each month. This must be attended by both parents and godparents.

Candle & Stole

You will be provided a candle and a stole to be used at the Baptism and they are included in the suggested offering of \$200.

Pre-requisites

It is a requirement of the Church that at least one parent and godparent is baptised Catholic. Parents need to produce documentary proof of their baptism.