

Notes for completing the Baptism Application Form

- 1 Terms:
 - a) The term Mother's Maiden Name means the surname of the child's mother prior to marriage.
 - b) The term Religion refers to Christian denomination, i.e. RC (Roman Catholic), CofE (Church of England), Methodist, etc. For a non-Christian, the term refers to world religion. E.g. Muslim, Hindu, etc.
- 2 Proof of Baptism
If the Catholic parent was not Baptised in this Parish, they must provide a Certificate of Baptism from the parish in which they were baptised.
- 3 Choosing Godparents (sponsors)
The role of a sponsor, often called a Godparent, is to support the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents. There is no restriction on the number of Godparents you may choose for your child, but at least one must be a practicing Catholic who has been Baptised, Confirmed, and made their First Communion. All Godparents must at least be Baptised Christians. A Person who is not a Christian, may act as a witness.
- 4 Date & Time of Baptism
Once this form has been returned to the Parish Office, you will be contacted by a member of the Baptism Preparation Team to arrange a date for Baptism preparation during which you will agree a date and time for your child's Baptism.
- 5 Place of Baptism
This will usually be in your own parish church within the St Jude's and St Aidan's parishes. If you wish your child to be baptised in a church other than your current parish, you will need permission and signatures on this form from both the Parish Priests. It is your responsibility to seek these permissions.
- 6 Certificate of Baptism
Certificates will be provided at the time of the Baptism.
- 7 Whilst there is no charge for Baptism, it is expected that you make a donation to the Parish to support the upkeep of the church building and the work the Parish does in the local community.
- 8 If you wish to make a separate donation for the minister of baptism, this should be put in an envelope and clearly marked.
- 9 Data Protection

The information on this form is solely for the use of the Parish Priest and will remain privileged, confidential and protected from disclosure. This form will be kept in the Parish Archive unless a request is made in writing to the contrary.