

Thank you for taking the time to read this and complete it.

Completed forms should be returned along with your offering to the Parish Office not later than one month in advance of the proposed date of baptism.



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Serving the Community in the Spirit of St Vincent de Paul

Congratulations ! A New Baby



All who worship here at St Peter's congratulate you on the birth of your baby.

Thank you for wanting your baby to be baptised and join the family of the church. We want to help you to carry out your decision by giving you our support. God loves your baby, wants only the best for this child. By asking for your baby's baptism you will be publicly thanking God for his gift to you.

Baptism is the first step of your child's journey to God. Your faith is essential for the steps which your child will take on this journey through life. You will be promising to bring up your baby knowing God as a loving Father. You will need the parish family to help you with this. That is why we, in St Peter's parish, try to show the link with the parish, and the rest of the Church, before, during and after baptism.

Date and Time of Baptism

The normal sequence of preparation and celebration is as follows:

- 1) Preparation Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of month at 6.30pm
- 2) Baptism Ceremony: 4th Sunday of month at 12.30pm

Preparation Meeting

You will be invited to attend a Preparation Meeting in the Presbytery at 6.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in which the Baptism is due to take place. The meeting is informal and aims to provide parents and godparents (if they are able to attend) with a greater understanding of the sacrament of baptism; it is also a good way to meet other parents in the parish. We would ask both parents to attend and we would ask that if possible children and babies are not brought to the meeting. The preparation meeting usually lasts less than an hour.

Godparents

Choose your baby's godparents with care. They must share your faith and be at least 16 years old. They should be living near enough to get to know your baby. They will be undertaking to share with you the responsibility of handing on the faith to the child as he / she will grow up. A distant cousin in Australia would not, then, be the best choice !

Offering

A minimum offering of €50.00 is requested to defray running costs. Completed forms should be returned along with your offering to the Parish Office not later than one month in advance of the proposed date of baptism.

Baptismal Register

After the baptism, the priest will add your child's name to the baptismal register. Your child will then be able to receive a baptismal certificate at any future date. The information included will be taken from page 3. Please note that all details given will be treated with confidence.

(Please complete the following using **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Baby's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Contact Tel. No. _____

Godmother's Name _____

Godfather's Name _____

Notes/Remarks _____

I / We agree that the above details may be used for the Parish Baptismal Records.

Mother's signature _____

Father's signature _____