

## Baptism information and registration

Congratulations ..... on being a parent.

Your child is a great gift from God and the Church invites you to celebrate that gift through the Sacrament of Baptism.

This leaflet will offer some reflections on the meaning of baptism and the details you complete will help us to support you as parents and prepare for the celebration of Baptism

What is Baptism about? Dear parents and Godparents, you have asked to have this child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Through Baptism, your child will be enlightened by Christ. May they always walk as a child of the light.

**Baptism requires** that there is a 'well-founded hope' that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith. The first and most basic requirement of this is that the parents and family regularly and frequently attend Sunday Mass. In practice this means at least two Sundays in the month. If you do not already do this, please do not ask to have your child baptised until you have fulfilled this expectation for at least 6 months.

**Preparation.** Our parish requires the parents of the child to attend two meetings with other parents to help prepare for Baptism. If the child to be baptised is of school age, they too must prepare. At least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic themselves.

**Godparents.** Two are necessary for the child getting baptised. They must be at least 16 years old and at least one of them must be a Catholic who has been confirmed, made their First Holy Communion and regularly attends their own parish. Both Godparents must be baptised. A parent of the child to be baptised cannot also be a Godparent. A non-Catholic may be a sponsor providing another person fulfils the role set out above.

Surname of Child:male female female
First Name(s) of Child:
Date of Birth:Place of birth
Father's Name: Religion
Mother's Name:Religion
Mother's Maiden Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Phone Number:Email:
Godfather:Religion
Godmother:Religion
Church you normally attend (please circle)

St Augustine's / Our Lady & St Edward's / Sacred Heart / St Christopher's

Baptisms in our community take place at any of our churches;

- St Augustine's, Woodborough Road
- Our Lady & St Edward's, Gordon Road
- Sacred Heart, Carlton Hill
- St Christopher's, Trent Lane

Baptisms are usually scheduled during the normal weekend masses or at another time during the weekend

**Baptism is only the beginning of your child's Christian life.** Our schools can support you in bringing up your child in their faith and provide an excellent education. **Primary** 

St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy <u>www.augustinesprimary.weebly.com/</u> Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Voluntary Academy <u>www.olseacademy.org.uk/</u> Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy <u>www.sacredheart.notts.sch.uk</u> Secondary The Becket School www.becketonline.co.uk/

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy <u>www.christtheking.notts.sch.uk</u> Trinity School <u>www.trinity.nottingham.sch.uk/</u>

**Cost.** There is no cost for a baptism, but it is traditional to make an offering to the parish for the baptism. Suggested donation is £40

**Our community office is;** Parish Office, 97 Carlton Hill, Nottingham, NG4 1FP. Tel; 0115 9118266 <u>ccen@diocesenottingham.uk</u> Our community has a team of people who will help you prepare for Baptism

**One of our parish clergy** will celebrate your baptism; Fr Joe, Fr Jonathan, Fr Marcus, Fr Marc or Deacon Anthony.

**Please complete the bottom half of the form** (both sides) and either detach it and return it to the parish office or email the completed form to <u>ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk</u>

I declare that I am ready to bring up my child as a member of the Catholic Church

Signed (Father)

\_(Mother) \_\_

**Data Protection:** your personal details will be stored and used by the parish for the purpose of conducting the Sacrament of Baptism preparation and celebration. By signing below, you acknowledge that Canon Law requires some of your personal data to be entered into registers and stored permanently. Your details will not otherwise be disclosed outside the parish. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice on the Diocesan website.

Signed: .....Date: ......Date: ......

I give consent to my child's name being published in the newsletter

I would like to be invited to the annual Baptism Celebration Mass

I am happy to receive information on other events and receive a newsletter

To be completed with the priest or catechist once the Baptism preparation has been completed

Church (please circle) St Augustine's / Our Lady & St Edward's / Sacred Heart / St Christopher's

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