



St Mary's Cathedral

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Baptism Application:

Baptisms are celebrated at 12.00noon on Sunday at the Cathedral and 12.15pm at Sacred Heart Church. Baptism is normally celebrated in the parish in which the family lives. If you are not a resident of the Cathedral parish, please seek permission from your local parish priest and provide priest's name, parish, date and signature prior to submitting this form. This is to ensure that all local parish Churches are patronised and supported, and to encourage the ongoing relationship between the parishioners and their priests :

Preparation sessions are compulsory prior to your child's baptism. Please see overleaf re dates.

Child's name: _____ **Place & Date of birth :** _____

1st preferred date of baptism (see over) _____

2nd preferred date of baptism (see over) _____

St Mary's Cathedral or Sacred Heart Church: _____

Usual parish attended: _____

Other children previously baptised: _____

Godparents' names: *(Godparents are required to be baptised Catholics. Baptised Christians from other denominations may act as a Christian witness but there must always be at least one baptised Catholic Godparent - please indicate the Catholic Godparent. Please note Godparents' names can only be substituted up to 7 days prior to baptism)*

	Mother	Father
Full name:	(maiden) _____	_____
Religion:	_____	_____
Email:	_____	_____
Phone (mobile + home)	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____

We understand that our child's baptism is scheduled for the agreed date as confirmed after discussion. **We also understand that it is customary to make an offering to the Celebrant for his time, planning, and preparation of paperwork required for the baptism. (This should be presented to the priest on the day of the baptism).** We also understand that an additional fee of \$40, payable by cash or cheque, covering the costs for candle and baptismal sash, is payable at the baptism preparation session. Please place payment in envelope with your name and baptism date clearly marked.

Signed: _____ (Mother) _____ (date)
_____ (Father) _____ (date)
_____ (Pastoral Associate) _____ (date)

Baptism Preparation Dates : 2019

Please note that your child's final Baptism date will depend on your ability to attend one of our preparation classes as listed below. All participating families must attend a class prior to their child's Baptism. The class is held on the 1st Floor of the Cathedral Centre adjoining St Mary's Cathedral. Please make your choice below:

Thursdays – 5.30pm

28th November 20th December 30th January 27th February 26th March 30th April 28th May
25th June 30th July 27th August 24th September 29th October 26th November 10th December

DATE CHOSEN _____ (must precede Baptism date)

It is customary for newly baptised children and their families to return for Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on the last Sundays of the month, to be presented with their Baptism Certificates and welcomed to the Church community. Certificates will only be presented at one of the Masses below – they will not be available from the office. Please keep your certificate safe for future requirements. Reprints are available from the office for \$18. These dates are as follows:

Sundays – 10.30am or 6.00pm (Family Mass) at Cathedral or 8.30am at Sacred Heart

24th November 22nd December 26th January 23rd February 29th March 26th April
31st May 28th June 26th July 30th August 27th September 25th October
29th November 20th December

DATE CHOSEN _____

TIME CHOSEN _____

Please note the celebrant will read your name out during Mass on the date you nominate you will be presented with the certificate so it's very important you alert us if you are unable to attend and to schedule another date. Uncollected baptism certificates will be retained for six months only.

Please forward us by email or in person, any photos of the Baptism ceremony that you would not mind having displayed in our Photo Gallery on our website. Thank you.

Would you like a pastoral visit at home from Sr Monica Shelverton prior to your child's baptism? YES / NO (please circle)