

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ORMSKIRK

The Sacrament of Baptism - Guidelines for Parents

Welcome to St. Anne's parish. We look forward to the baptism of your child. The following points are to help you understand how we celebrate baptisms in the parish. The priests or deacons or baptism co-ordinator are very happy to discuss the arrangements with you.

- **You must live within the parish boundary.**
- **At least one parent must be a baptised catholic.**
- **The attached form to be completed and returned to the parish office as soon as possible.**
- **Sue Mawtus, our baptismal coordinator will contact you once your application form has been received. Dates and times of baptism preparation sessions will then be discussed with you. Dates available for the Sacrament will be discussed at the end of the preparation sessions.**
- **It is appropriate that only close friends and family members take part in the Sacrament of Baptism to maintain the dignity of the celebration.**
- **If the request for baptism is for a child over 7 years of age, the form will be passed to Maria Cooper who will be in touch to explain how the child will be prepared for the Sacrament.**
- **The preparation sessions which parents attend are so that you can understand as much as possible about the responsibility you are undertaking in having your child baptised.**
- **It is appropriate that at least one of the chosen names for your child should be that of a saint or taken from the Bible.**
- **One of the Godparents must be a baptised catholic over 14 years of age.**
- **Baptism preparation usually takes place with several families attending.**
- **Up to 3 children may be baptised at any one celebration of the Sacrament.**
- **You may wish to make a donation on the baptismal day, which helps towards church costs.**

**ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ORMSKIRK
BAPTISMAL APPLICATION FORM**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Surname of child.....

Christian name(s) of child:

Date of birth & age of child:

Father's name & religion:.....

Mother's name & religion:

Mother's maiden name:.....

Home address:.....

Mobile number:

Landline:

email address:

Church of marriage:

Name(s) of Proposed Godfather(s):

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Name(s) of Proposed Godmother(s):.....

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If there is any other information you feel we need to know, please continue on a separate sheet.

Sue Mawtus or Maria Cooper our baptismal co-ordinators will agree baptismal preparation date and the date of the Sacrament with you. Please remember that 3 months' notice is needed for baptisms.

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

The Parish Administrator, St Anne's Priory, 23 Prescot Road, Ormskirk L39 4TG.

For office use only:

Web download or Issued by Date issued:.....

Date rec'd back at office:

Parish Priest's Comments, if required:.....

Form rec'd back in office:.....Passed to Sue Mawtus:.....or Maria Cooper:.....

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