

## Request for Infant Baptism

We the parents, request that our child receive the Sacrament of Baptism. We understand that Baptism establishes a bond between our child and God and thereby links our child with all others who are His followers.

We understand that Baptism initiates our child into the Community of Believers who follow Jesus Christ; that community on the local level is the parish church community. Our request for lawful Baptism implies that we as parents wish our child to be raised believing and living the values of the Christian community called the Catholic Church which says: *"It is required that there is a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion. If such hope is truly lacking, the baptism is to be deferred and the parents advised of the reason for this"*.

As members of the Church, we believe all that Christ taught us and we wish to pass onto our child the faith that is ours, and so we will try to set example of true Catholic living. We know that the church encourages parents to promote prayer at home and obliges them to attend Mass on Sundays as an integral part of their Catholic lifestyle.

We understand that the Baptism of our child is the first step in a lifetime of faith and that in due time our child will mature through reception of other Sacraments - Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage.

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Mother's Name

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Father's Name

### Important matters to note for Baptism at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish:

- Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for babies and children under the sacramental age. The ceremony commences at 11am. The parents and Godparents must be here by 10.45am.
- Parent/s are required to attend a two-part Baptism Preparation Session. These sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:30 pm or the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:30 am of each month. Each session runs for about one hour. This is a time and opportunity for parents to understand more the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and ask any questions regarding your Child's Baptism.
- Babies must be dressed in White.
- Parent must bring a Baptism Candle.
- When choosing your child's Godparents, remember that at least one must be a Catholic.
- It is customary to give a Donation to the Church for your child's Baptism.

Please complete the information details on the back page. Thank You!

Family Name	
Child's full Christian names	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Address	
Phone No.	Mobile No.
Parish of Residence	
Email:	
Father's Full Name	Religion
Mother's Full Name	Religion
Mother's Maiden Name	
Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Godfather's Name	Religion
Godmother's Name	Religion
Baptism Preparation [Session 1]	[Session 2]
Celebrant	Date of Baptism
Additional Godparents/Witnesses	Religion