

## **GUILDFORD CATHOLIC PARISH**

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### **Applying for the Sacrament of Baptism**

Thank you for your request to apply for your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Following are the guidelines for your application:

#### **Requirements of the Church**

For an infant to be Baptised lawfully it is required:

1. That the parents, or at least one of them, or the person who lawfully holds their place, is a member of the Catholic Church.
2. That there be well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion. If such a hope is lacking, the Baptism is to be deferred in accordance with the provisions of particular law (Code of Canon Law para. 868.2) and the parents advised of the reason for this.
  - In the Guildford Catholic Parish a minimum of two months' notice must be given to the Parish Office.
  - Your parish is the local Church which has pastoral responsibility for the area in which you live (not necessarily the Church where you worship). If you wish to have your child Baptised in a Church where you have no residential qualification a letter giving permission must be obtained from your own parish priest.
  - Evidence of completion of a baptismal course. (see below)

#### **Godparents**

To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, (godparent) a person must:

- Be not less than sixteen years of age, unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.
- Be a practising Catholic who has been Confirmed and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. A non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness to the Baptism in company with a Catholic sponsor.
- Not be either the father or mother of the child to be Baptised.

## **Baptism Preparation**

Preparation for your child's Baptism is essential. The Guildford Catholic Parish holds a course for parents; please check the dates with the Parish office.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism usually takes place on Sundays. After you have completed the Baptism Preparation, please contact the Parish Office to book the date for the Baptism if you have not already done so. Bookings will be taken only when delivering the completed Application Form.

## **Fees**

An administration fee of £25 is requested; this includes the Baptism Certificate, the Baptismal Candle and 10 personalized booklets, (additional booklets can be requested at 50 pence per copy).

It is customary to give a donation to the Celebrant conducting the Rite of Baptism.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office:

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