



Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls

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Dear Parents

We are very pleased to know that you wish to have your child baptised.

The most important role of a parent is to seek what is truly best for their child in order to prepare them for the life that is ahead of them. Indeed asking for your son or daughter to be baptised is undeniably a sign of this. In seeking the Sacrament of Baptism you are asking for a wonderful gift to be given to your child — a gift of eternal life in Christ as the little one is freed from the Original Sin, adopted as a child of God and made a member of the family of the Church.

While the intention to seek baptism is indeed praiseworthy, it is important that this decision is not taken lightly. It brings with it great responsibilities. A baptism is not simply a one off event. It is rather a door through which your child enters onto the lifelong pilgrimage of faith. As parents of your child (with the help of the godparents), it will be your duty henceforth to do your best to pass the gift of the Christian faith to your child. By doing this, the graces your child receives through the Sacrament, may, with God's help, truly take root in their life. During the rite of baptism you will indeed make a public declaration that you are accepting this responsibility.

Finally, as with any milestone in life, a baptism of a child is not only a time to focus on the relationship between yourselves as a family, but also an opportunity to re-examine and renew our relationship with God. If you do not come to church regularly, or even if you have not been for many years, it is now the right time for you to return. You would be most welcome here at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls and we would be delighted for you to become part of our parish community. For more information on the times of Masses please visit our website.

If you wish to proceed with booking your child's baptism please fill in the form on the reverse. Please note that, in order for the baptism to take place on the date you have arranged, you will need to attend the pre-baptismal meeting as already arranged.

With kindest wishes.

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Parish

DATE OF BAPTISM: TIME:

DATE OF PRE-BAPTISMAL MEETING*:

**(Every first Sunday of the Month at 2.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room)*

CHILD'S INFORMATION *

**(If your child is 7 years old or over please speak to the priest)*

• Surname of your Child:

• Your Child's Christian Name(s)*

**(This must be as it appears on the Birth Certificate)*

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• Your Child's Date of Birth:

• Address *:

..... Telephone Number:

**(If your address is outside of the Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish you must request a permission from the parish priest of your parish of residence in order for the baptism to take place here. Please fill in the grey box below.)*

PARENTS' INFORMATION *

**(Please note that at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic).*

• Father's Name:

• Father's Religion:

• Mother's Name:

• Mother's Maiden Name:

• Mother's Religion:

• Place of Parents' Marriage:

GODPARENTS INFORMATION *

**(Each child to be baptised must have at least one godparent. It is, however, normal for them to have two - one godfather and one godmother. Each godparent should be over 16 years old and MUST be a baptised Catholic who has received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also important that the godparents practice their Catholic faith and they are REQUIRED to submit a copy of their Baptism Certificate to ensure they are baptised members of the Catholic Church.)*

• Godfather:

• Godmother:

PARISH PRIEST'S PERMISSION

In accordance with Canon 862 of the Code of The Canon Law I hereby grant permission for this child, resident in my parish, to be baptised at the church of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green.

Parish Name: Priest's Name:

Priest's Signature: Date:

FOR OFFICE USE

Pre-baptismal Meeting

Godparents' Certificates

Certificate Issued

Register Updated