

Frequently asked questions

What if I am not Catholic but my child's father / mother is?

For pastoral reasons, it is preferred that at least one parent is a baptised Catholic and that the parents are happy to raise the child in the Catholic tradition.

Who can be baptised in the Catholic Church?

Any child with a parent who desires that their child be baptised in the Catholic Church and who is willing to raise their child in the Catholic tradition.

I am no longer in communication with my child's mother / father – do I need to get their permission to have our child baptised?

You need to discuss your situation with your local parish.

What if I am not married – am I still able to get my child baptised?

Of course! Baptism is about the child, not the parent's circumstances. The Church's hope is that parents are presenting their child with a desire to share their faith in God and to connect with the Church community. The Church focuses on the child, as well as the responsibilities of those who have guardianship of the child.

How do I choose a godparent and what do they do?

A godparent is to be 16 years or older and fully initiated into the Catholic Church, i.e. one who has been baptised and been Confirmed and celebrated First Communion. One godparent needs to be Catholic although practising individuals of other Christian traditions are welcome to be witnesses. Non-Christians are unable to be witnesses.

There is no legal obligation as a godparent. It is a ministry of love and a privilege to be invited. Godparents are chosen with the hope that they practise their faith regularly and will be a positive spiritual guide and good moral mentor for the baptised child.

What paperwork do I require to have my child baptised?

- Register with our Flocknote
- Complete the Baptism Enrolment Form
- Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate
- Copy of the Parent/s Baptism Certificate
- Copy of the Godparent's Baptism and Confirmation Certificate
- Letter of permission from your Parish Priest (If Applicable)

What if I do not have my baptism or Confirmation Certificates?

You can contact the Parish on where you were baptised and ask them to email you a copy of your Baptism and Confirmation record.