

**Family details** (please print):

*Father:*

*Father's Occupation:*

*Mother:*

*Mother's Occupation:*

*Other members of the family:*

*Address:*

*Telephone:*

*Email:*

Please submit either by mail or electronically to :

[office@parishoftheparks.com.au](mailto:office@parishoftheparks.com.au)



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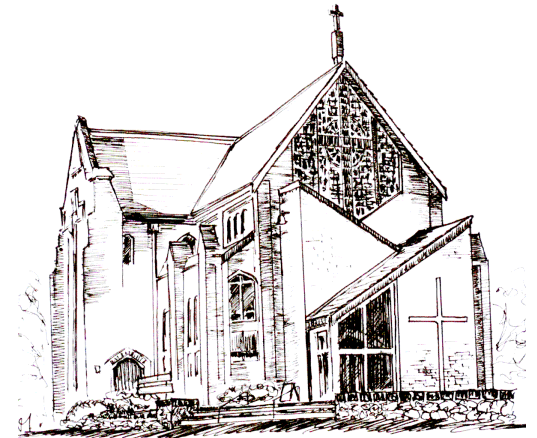
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**BAPTISM**

## What is Baptism?

Baptism is a simple ceremony of washing in water, practised by Christians since the time of Jesus. It is a sign of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. At the same time, baptism symbolises Jesus' own death and resurrection. Those who ask for baptism recognise that their standing with God depends on what Jesus did for them by his dying and rising again.

All who are baptised are received into the family of the Christian church.

From one point of view, baptism represents what God does for us — he gives us a new birth by his Holy Spirit. This is what we pray for when we are baptised. The one essential thing on the part of the person being baptised is sincere faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the case of an infant, this response of faith must be made in the name of the infant by sponsors (parents and godparents) until such time as the infant can make his or her own response.

## Who may be godparents?

Godparents are members of the church who have themselves been baptised. They may be either the parents themselves, or others close to the family who are interested in the child's spiritual nurture.

## The duties of godparents

Those who act as godparents in baptism are accepting the responsibility, with parents, of providing encouragement, teaching and the help of a good example so that the children may be brought up to follow Christ and become faithful members of the church.

## When should baptism take place?

Baptism should, whenever possible, be at a public service on Sundays. This means the whole congregation may witness the admission of the newly-baptised into Christ's Church, and welcome them. However, if necessary, it may take place at other times. This should be discussed with the priest of the parish.

## What else can parents do?

Pray for your child. Baptism is not just a naming ceremony; it can be a most meaningful occasion for establishing yourselves, your home and family in a right relationship with God. You may have been out of touch with the church; or you may wish to ask about baptism or confirmation for yourself. Do not hesitate to discuss any questions you may have with your priest.

When the time for the baptism has been made with the priest, there will usually be a time made for discussion and a brief rehearsal.

## Is there a fee for baptism?

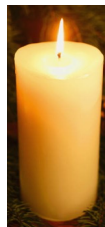
No. Parents should feel no obligation in this respect.

If you wish to make a thank offering, either through the normal offertory or in some other way, you are free to do so.

## Certificate and Baptismal Candle

Parents will receive an official record of the Baptism by way of a Baptismal Certificate. You will also receive a candle — one of the symbols of new life.

The baptismal candle could be lit on the anniversary of the baptism as a reminder of this important event.



## Application Form

Please print, detach and return to:

The Vicar - Rev. Sophie Watkins  
Anglican Parish of the Parks  
St Silas & St Anselm

We wish to apply for Christian Baptism for:

*Proposed Christian Names:*

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*Surname of Child:*

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*Place and Date of Birth:*

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*Proposed Date for Baptism:*

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We also wish to nominate the following godparents:

*Full names:*

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

Parents' Signatures:

*Father:*

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*Mother:*

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