



Thank you for your enquiry about having your child baptised at Holy Family, Indooroopilly. It would be a privilege for the Parish to welcome your child into the Catholic Community. Firstly, please note that for your child to be baptised ordinarily at least one parent should have been baptised in the Catholic Church. If this is not the case, you should arrange an appointment with me before filling out the baptism enrolment form. The link to the enrolment form is found at the bottom of this email however, please read this carefully, before filling out the form.

Baptism is a sacramental moment when we are marked as God's own forever and received into a supportive Catholic family community. Baptism cannot be taken too lightly as it is the rite of passage into the Catholic Faith and the doorway to the other sacraments. During the preparation time leading up to and after your child's Baptism, Holy Family will journey with you in an engaging and supportive way to welcome you and your child into the Catholic Faith.

It is parish policy that prior to the date of baptism one or both parents, and children to be baptised who are above 4 years old, attend a baptismal preparation. Baptismal preparation sessions are conducted on a Saturday, at 2.30pm with the baptism team, 2 weeks prior to the baptism. The session runs for approximately 1 hours and consists of several short videos and discussions with the parish's Baptism team & me at Indooroopilly Catholic Church, in the parish office. We encourage you to continue this journey, post Baptism, by being active members of our parish community.

We would like to make this experience a calm and happy one for your children, and the whole family hence we would be very grateful if you could inform us at your preparation session, if your child is very shy, has anxiety problems, is a special needs child, or has any other conditions, which might cause them to be afraid, intimidated or stressed during the baptism ceremony.

Baptism preparation sessions are generally held on the 1st Saturday of the Month. Booking is essential.

Baptisms are generally held at 2pm on the 3rd Sunday of the Month – after all steps in the enrolment procedure are completed.

The parish ask that a contribution towards the cost associated with the administration and preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. Therefore, we ask for a payment of \$80. Nobody, however, is refused if they cannot pay, due to genuine hardship. If the cost is a problem for you, please discuss this with me.

There are 2 items used during the celebration which are symbols:

- White Garment –the child should wear either a white garment, t-shirt or dress on the day.

- Candle – there is a range of baptismal candles available from Christian supply houses e.g., St Paul's bookshop in Elizabeth St, Brisbane City or Christian Supplies on 35B Chorlton St, East Brisbane
- You can also enquire about personalised candle made by the Sisters of Mary Morning Star [here](#). (2 weeks notice required)

Please note that bookings are made only when all the paperwork have been received.

Baptism enrolment is carried out by filling out the following form – note there is a necessary parental consent which need to be printed and signed this can be accessed [here](#) or by clicking the link in the enrolment form. This needs to be completed prior to filling in the enrolment form.

The enrolment form is [here](#). This, combined with the parental consent form, replaces the earlier paper form.

Should you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact me, kind regards

Fr. Michael Grace
Parish Administrator