



Dear Parents,

Thank you for asking for the baptism of your child. You are the "first teachers in the ways of Faith". We are here to help you as the "best of teachers".

Baptism and Christening is robbed of its meaning if there is no intention of sharing fully in the life of the Church once the Sacrament is celebrated.

We hope this form will help you to participate fully in this your local and welcoming Catholic Community.

"The Good Shepherd Church: the friendly place"

What does Church Law say about preparation for Baptism?

The parents and sponsors are to be properly instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and the obligation attached to it.
(Can. 851.2)

Baptisms at the Good Shepherd Church take place on Saturdays at 12 noon or Sundays at 12.30p.m.
Other times by prior arrangement with the Parish Priest.
A Seminar of Preparation is held regularly; usually every second month beginning in January - see inside for dates.

Seminars are at 10.45a.m. in the Joseph Hall and last for about one hour approximately.

Please bring this completed form with you.

You will be invited to share a further three parents Seminars in support of your personal spirituality.

Catholic Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd

(Boni Pastoris),
Woodthorpe, Nottingham.
Serving Arnold, Daybrook, Mapperley, Sherwood,
Woodthorpe

Sacrament of Baptism & Christening

Dates of future preparation seminars— 2024
Seminar Commences at 10:45am in the Parish
Centre after 9:45am Mass.

Sunday 7th January	Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th January
Sunday 3rd March	Sunday 10th, 17th & 24th March
Sunday 12th May	Sunday 19th, 26th May & 2nd June
Sunday 7th July	Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th July
Sunday 8th September	Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th Sept
Sunday 3rd November	Sunday 10th, 17th & 24th Nov



The Font at the
Church of St.
Mary, Ephesus.

Site of the Council of Ephesus and proclamation of

Our Blessed Lady Mary as "Theotokos"

meaning "The God bearer".

What does Church Law say about sponsors?

- A Candidate for Baptism should be given a sponsor also known as a God parents (Can. 872)
- Ordinarily only 1 male or 1 female or one of each sex is to be employed. (Can. 873)
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, be a Confirmed Catholic, made 1st Holy Communion & leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken. They must have the intention of performing this role (Can. 874, 2& 3)
- The parents of the child may not assume the role of sponsor. (Can 874.5)

What is Baptism & Christening all about?

This leaflet puts before you the main considerations which you as parents will have in mind when you request Baptism for your child in the Catholic Church. Baptism and Christening (one ceremony) is the most significant moment in our lives. As a thing of infinite value you must weigh carefully your intentions and commitment with regard to all that this great gift implies.

*"The future
begins today:
not tomorrow"*
*Pope John
Paul II*



Contact for further details:

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BAPTISM & CHRISTENING REGISTRATION FORM.

(Please return the completed form to the Parish Administration Suite, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe. NG5 4HT).

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS THE CUSTOM TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE PRIEST ON THE OCCASION OF A BAPTISM.

Information of the Child to be baptised.

Family Surname:

Christian Name (s)

Male

Female.

Family Address:

Post Code:

Date of birth / / .

Date of Baptism / / .

Nationality: (i.e. British / Spanish / Polish / African / West Indian etc....)

Father's Details:

Surname:

Christian Name (s)

mobile.

E mail

The Father of the Child is a Catholic. Church of Baptism & Date:

The Father of the child is a Baptized Christian.

If neither of the above please advise of another religion or non:

Mother's Details:

Surname:

Christian Name (s)

Pre Nuptial Name:

mobile.

E mail

The Mother of the Child is a Catholic. Church of Baptism & Date:

The Mother of the child is a Baptized Christian.

If neither of the above please advise of another religion or non:

Place of Marriage.

Catholic ☐ Other ☐ Civil. ☐

The Role of a God parent/sponsor: Bear in mind a child's Godparent will enjoy a profound Spiritual Relationship with the child they sponsor and will be a Spiritual support to bring their God child up in the practice of the Faith. Choice of Godparent should be based on their own visible practice of the Faith as an example to the God child to enable the Godparent to fulfil the promises made to The Lord at the time of Baptism. **At least one must be a practising Catholic.**

God Fathers Name

Surname

Christian Name

A Practising Catholic:

Yes ☐ No ☐

God Mother's Name

Surname

Christian Name

A practising Catholic

Yes ☐ No ☐

Which Weekend Mass do I normally attend?

At the Good Shepherd/St. Anthony's Ch: Sat 6.00 pm. ☐ Sunday 8 am ☐ 9.45am ☐
11.15 am ☐ 5.30pm ☐ At another Church (please state):

Parent's Declaration: We (I) have asked to have our (my) child _____ baptised. In doing so we are (I am) accepting responsibility of training him / her in the practise of The Faith. It will be my duty to bring him / her up to keep God's commandments s Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. We (I) clearly understand what I am undertaking.

Date: _____

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature.

Preparation Seminar Attended: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date you previously attended _____

Name of Church course previously attend _____ (If elsewhere proof of attendance may be needed!)

Seminar Leader's Signature: _____

date: _____