

To be baptised is to become a child of God Our Father, to share in the death and resurrection of Christ, and become a Temple of the Holy Spirit. This involves a serious undertaking to become a follower of Our Lord as a member of His Body, the Church.

So as parents of a child to be baptised, you are asked to consider the following questions:

1. Do you accept that in asking to have your child Baptised, you are undertaking the duty of raising your child in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church, so that by observing the Commandments you child will learn to love God and Neighbour as Christ taught in the Gospels?

Answer :

2. Are you willing to fulfil this duty by word and example?

Answer :

We declare that we understand the meaning, the privileges, and the duties of Baptism and that we have answered these questions truthfully before God.

Signatures : Father

Mother

In the case of a 'mixed' marriage, the partner who belongs to another Christian Community or is not a Christian may wish to give the same undertaking. If not, then please make the following declaration:

I am willing to allow my child to be baptised according to the rite and teaching of the Catholic Church:

Signature :

Our Catholic schools offer good all round education of the person. However Baptism does **not** guarantee entry into our schools due to L.E.A. requirements and admission policies.

Catholic Parishes of Maesteg & Aberkenfig – Archdiocese of Cardiff

YOUR CHILD AND Baptism

For children aged 7 and under



PARISHES OF

Our Lady & St. Patrick, Maesteg

St. Robert of Newminster, Aberkenfig

Congratulations

The family of the Church is looking forward to welcoming and introducing your infant to the ways of faith.

There will be a lot of growing for your child to do in the coming years. Your child will be growing physically, mentally and emotionally. Baptism is the start of a life-long process of learning to love God and to live in His love. Just as you will help your child to grow in other ways, so it will be your responsibility to help him or her grow in the ways of faith.

If you are ready to accept this responsibility, then the Baptism will be a real highlight for you and your family. To help you prepare for and get the most out of this, the Parish runs a preparation course for parents asking to have their child Baptised. The course is mandatory for parents who have not undertaken a preparation course previously.

Baptism is so important that, although the Church is not in the habit of refusing to Baptise, it may be delayed a little if more time is needed for you to prepare for all that is really involved.

Please complete this form and return when you come to Mass on Sunday, so that we can send you details about the preparation. We will then look at the Baptism, consider what it means for your child and you and how to take that on, and fix dates and details for the ceremony on what will be a most important day in the life of your child and your family.

PLEASE NOTE - If you wish the baptism to take place at a church outside the parish in which you live, you must obtain the permission of the Parish Priest of your home parish. Ask him to sign below.

I give permission for the baptism as detailed on this form to take place in the proposed church of baptism indicated on the next page.

Signed:

Parish:

Child's Full Name :
Male/Female

Date of Birth:

Child's Address:
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Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Mother's Name:
Maiden Name:

Catholic? Yes/No (If yes, complete next line)

Where were you baptised?

Father's Name:
Catholic? Yes/No (If yes, complete next line)

Where were you baptised?

Have you attended a Baptism Preparation Course? Yes/No

If yes, when and where

Proposed Church of Baptism: Maesteg/Aberkenfig

Proposed Date of Baptism (subject to preparation):

***Godparents:**
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* At least 1 Godparent must be a practising Catholic who has made Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, and must be at least 16 years old.