



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST PATRICK, STAFFORD

APPLICATION FOR THE BAPTISM OF AN INFANT.

Baptism should take place as soon as possible after the birth of your baby, normally within the first few weeks. Baptism of infants is a privilege reserved for Christian parents who wish to bring up their children in the practice of the Faith. The Church will do all it can to help you do this, but it is your responsibility to teach your child how to pray and make them familiar with regular worship in Church by bringing them to Mass.

For godparents the Church asks for at least **one practising Catholic** of either gender over the age of 16 years. A Godparent must be in good standing with the Catholic Church (ie Baptised, Confirmed, regular Communicant and in a recognised Marriage or other state of life). Godparents promise to help you raise your child within the worshipping community of the Church, and must therefore be qualified to do so by their example.

Baptism normally takes place at 11.30am on Sundays.

Name of Child:

Address: Tel:.....

Date of Birth:

Date of Baptism: *(to be agreed with the Priest)*

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:(Née)

Where married:

Godfather:

Godmother:

Please return this form to the Priest so that an appointment for Baptismal Preparation can be made.
(There is no fee but it is customary to make an offering to the Church on the occasion of Baptism)

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Please Note: You should celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in your own Parish Church. If for good reason you wish to celebrate the Sacrament in another Catholic Church, you need to obtain the agreement of both Parish Priests. If you live outside the Parish of St Patrick and have reason to seek Baptism for your child here (e.g. strong family links or temporary residence elsewhere) please approach your own Parish Priest and ask his permission before making any arrangements. In such circumstances you should ask your Parish Priest to give his permission below.

I give my permission for this child to be baptised in the Parish of St Patrick, Stafford.

Signed: Parish: Date: