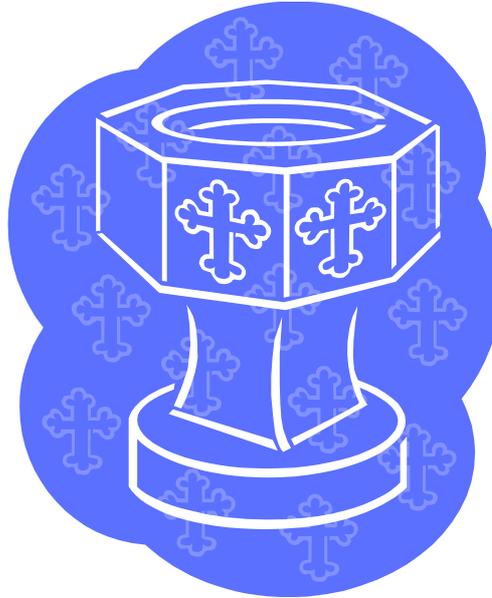


# **BAPTISM**

## **APPLICATION FORM**



**THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**THE CAUSEWAY, BICESTER, OX26 6AW, OXON**

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**I hereby apply to have my child baptised at the Church of The Immaculate Conception, Bicester according to the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church.**

**In so doing, I accept and understand that I undertake the responsibility of bringing my child up in the practice of the faith.**

**I will try to do this in my words and deeds, and by my own practice of the faith.**

**Signed:  
Mother**

**Signed  
Father**

**Date:**

**Please note:**

**Being a Christian means to be a follower of Christ and Christ Jesus invites us, His followers to participate at the Eucharist Banquet.**

**At least one of the Godparents must be a catholic who lives a life of faith that befits the role to be undertaken.**

**Preferred date of baptism, in consultation with the Parish Priest:**

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If you live outside of the Bicester Parish please ask your local Parish Priest to complete the following:

**Parish Priest's permission:** In accordance with Canon 862 of the Code of The Canon Law I grant permission for this child resident in my parish to be baptised at The Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Signed:-

\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Priest  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following in BLOCK CAPITALS**

NAME OF CHILD.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....Age:.....

PLACE OF BIRTH.....

PARENTS'S DETAILS: *One parent has to be a Practising Catholic*

NAME OF FATHER.....

RELIGION OF FATHER.....

NATIONALITY.....

NAME OF MOTHER.....

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.....

RELIGION OF MOTHER.....

NATIONALITY.....

PLACE OF MARRIAGE:.....

CURRENT ADDRESS: *Parents have to be residents in the parish*

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

EMAIL: .....

GODPARENTS DETAILS: **One** *Godparent has to be a practicing Catholic (no more than 2 godparents)*

GODFATHER:.....

GODMOTHER:.....

Do you attend mass at the Immaculate Conception? **yes/no**

If yes, which Mass do you usually attend? .....

If you have recently moved into the area, please state your previous parish and address.

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Why have you decided to have your child baptised?

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Parents requesting baptism for their child must take part in a short rite of welcome at Sunday Mass and attend a preparation session with the parish catechists beforehand. Are you willing to do this? **yes/no**

Have you attended a preparation session within the last 3 years? **yes/no**

A recommended donation of £50 is requested to cover donation to Celebrant, administration costs, a Baptism candle and certificate.

Please contact the Parish Priest or Parish Office to make an appointment with the Parish Priest. Afterwards return this form & donation to the presbytery or to the Parish Office. Once the Baptism date has been arranged, your details will be forwarded on to the Baptism Co-ordinator who will contact you to make all the necessary arrangements for the rite and course.

There may be several children to be baptised at each celebration.

As a memento of the day you will be presented with a candle and certificate for you to take away. If you can, please bring with you a white shawl for your child as this is used during the ceremony. Parents and Godparents must participate at the Mass prior to the Baptism and the rest of the family and friends are encouraged to join the celebration of the Mass. Sunday is a busy time in Church, so please ensure you are here promptly.

Please respect the traditions of the Church – House of God.

**With assurance of our prayers for a special day.**

**Parish Priest: Rev. Fr John Y Batthula**

**The Nature of Baptism**

The Sacrament of Baptism is a great family occasion, a time for rejoicing and thanking God. Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Through Baptism your child will be freed from sin and reborn as a child of God. Moreover the newly baptised become members of Christ's body, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: to bring the gospel of salvation to all nations.

The law of the Church requires every child to have at least one God parent. It is traditional in the Catholic Church in this country to have two-one male and one female. Sometimes it may be possible to have more with permission of the parish priest. A God parent must be a practising Catholic - in good standing with the Church (able to receive Holy Communion) and have been confirmed. They must be at least 16 years of age. Believing and baptised Christians can act as Christian witness in place of one or more God parents, but in any case there must always be at least one catholic God parent.