

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart Church & Mary Immaculate Church

BAPTISM POLICY

Congratulations on the birth of your child!

The following information will help you with the preparation and planning for your child's Baptism.

PREPARATION

You are required to attend the 9:00am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month for a Rite of Welcome at Sacred Heart Church Yeppoon. Baptismal preparation will take place immediately after this Mass. Your scheduled Baptism will not be confirmed until you have completed the preparation session.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BAPTISM?

The Church has always said "Every person not yet baptised and only such a person is able to be baptised", therefore, all families in the Parish are welcome to present their child for Baptism.

Parents, as the first teachers of their children in all matters, need to give assurance that they will raise their children, with the support of the Sponsors, in the Catholic Faith.

TIMES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

The times for celebrating Baptism in the Capricorn Coast Parish are on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church or following 5:15pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Emu Park. Inability of Sponsors and Family members to attend is **not** considered a reason to request alternate times. Proxy Sponsors are permitted.

SPONSORS

Sponsor's role: These are the Church's official representatives at the celebration. They are responsible, with the parents, for the religious formation of the child. They profess publicly that they are ready to help the parents in this task. A Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.

There may be two (2) Sponsors, ONE of whom is Catholic and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you chose TWO Catholic Sponsors, who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you must have one male and one female. A Sponsor may also be of *another Christian religion* and will be referred to as a Witness on the Baptism Certificate.

FAMILIES OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Parents and families living outside the parish are encouraged to celebrate Baptism in the parish in which they live or worship. If this presents problems, please contact the parish office.

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PROCEDURES FOR THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD

- 1.** Contact Parish Office – Phone 4933 6171 or email capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au Monday to Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm.
- 2.** Complete the Baptism Details Sheet and return it to the parish office along with \$50 fee.
- 3.** You are required to attend the 9:00am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month for a Rite of Welcome at Sacred Heart Church Yeppoon. Baptismal preparation will take place immediately after this Mass. Your scheduled Baptism will not be confirmed until you have completed the preparation session.
- 4.** The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated at 10.00am 4th Sunday of the month.
- 5.** You will need a CANDLE and WHITE GARMENT during the Baptism Ceremony.
- 6.** You will be given a Baptismal Certificate for your Child please check the spelling of names etc. is correct if not please advise the Parish office ASAP.