



**ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT PARISH**

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## **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

*In asking to have your child baptised, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the Faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments, as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour as such one parent must be Catholic.*

### **PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A DATE FOR BAPTISM**

An application form can be obtained from the parish office or from our website [www.stmadeleine.org.au](http://www.stmadeleine.org.au). Once a completed form is submitted to the parish you will receive an email confirming the date of your child's baptism.

Please note there are two requirements prior to baptism:

You will need to attend a baptism preparation session. These are held every first Saturday of the month at 4.30pm in the St Madeleine Centre.

You will also need to present your child to the congregation at one of our Sunday Masses. You will need to arrive at Mass 15 minutes before commencement to request the celebrant to present your child. This is important as it makes up the first part of the Baptismal Rite.

We are also grateful for a donation to be paid for each baptism at the parish.

### **TIMES FOR BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11.30am.

Please ensure that everyone attending the baptism arrives by 11.15am.

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

If you are not already a regular contributor to the Parish Envelope Planned Giving Programme - which supports the everyday running and maintenance of our parish, churches and pastoral initiatives - would you consider applying for envelopes? Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. *Non-parishioners should also consider the custom of giving a donation for the upkeep of the Church.*

## **GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Godparents should be mature enough to undertake this responsibility. THERE MUST BE ONE CATHOLIC GODPARENT who must be aged 16 years or over, have received the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion), be a member of the Catholic Church - canonically free to carry out this office.

**THERE MUST BE ONE CATHOLIC GODPARENT**

## **PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE**

**Candle:** “Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly ... may your child keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart.” A domestic candle will do (you may wish to decorate it with symbols) or a special candle can be purchased. It should be kept for your child’s First Communion, Confirmation, anniversaries, etc and should not be used otherwise. Candles can be purchased from our piety store.

**White Garment:** “You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See this white garment, the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into everlasting life in heaven.” A christening robe or a white shawl is appropriate. You may wish to decorate it with a cross and the name of each child in the family using it over and over again.

***The Community of St Madeleine’s welcomes your child***

### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

Children’s Liturgy during school term

#### **Weekday Masses:**

9.15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9.45am - 10.15am Fridays - Adoration

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5pm

**Baptisms:** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.30am

*It is hoped that this information has been of assistance to you.*

*Should you have any further inquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9654 2260*