



*Dear Parents,
Thank you for asking for the baptism of your child. You are the "first teachers in the ways of Faith". We are here to help you as the "best of teachers".
Baptism and Christening is robbed of its meaning if there is no intention of sharing fully in the life of the Church once the Sacrament is celebrated.
We hope this form will help you to participate fully in this your local and welcoming Catholic Community.*

"The Good Shepherd Church: the friendly place"

What does Church Law say about preparation for Baptism?

The parents and sponsors are to be properly instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and the obligation attached to it.
(Can. 851.2)

Baptisms at the Good Shepherd Church take place on Saturdays at 12 noon or Sundays at 1.00 p.m. Other times by prior arrangement with the Parish Priest. A Seminar of Preparation is held regularly; usually every second month beginning in January - see inside for dates.

Seminars are at 3.00 p.m. in the Marian Hall and last for about one hour approximately. Please bring this completed form with you.

You will be invited to share a further three parents evening Seminars in support of your personal spirituality.

Catholic Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd

(Boni Pastoris),
Woodthorpe, Nottingham.
Serving Arnold, Daybrook, Mapperley, Sherwood & Woodthorpe.



Sacrament of Baptism and Christening

Dates of future preparation seminars – 2021

Seminar commences at 3pm in the Parish Centre, Joseph Hall followed by 3 Tuesdays at 7pm

Sunday 17 th January 2021	Tuesdays 19 th /26 th Jan and 2 nd Feb
Sunday 21 st March 2021	Tuesdays 23 rd /30 th March and 6 th April
Sunday 16 th May 2021	Tuesdays 18 th /25 th May and 1 st June
Sunday 11 th July 2021	Tuesdays 13 th /20 th and 27 th July
Sunday 5 th September 2021	Tuesdays 7 th /14 th /21 st September
Sunday 7 th November 2021	Tuesdays 9 th /16 th /23 rd November



The Font at the Church of St. Mary, Ephesus.

Site of the Council of Ephesus and proclamation of Our Blessed Lady Mary as "Theotokos" meaning "The God bearer".

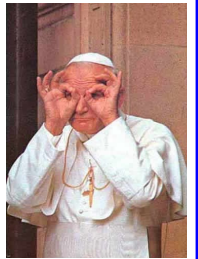
What does Church Law say about sponsors?

- A Candidate for Baptism should be given a sponsor also known as a God parents (Can. 872)
- Ordinarily only 1 male or 1 female or one of each sex is to be employed. (Can. 873)
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, be a Confirmed Catholic, made 1st Holy Communion & leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken. They must have the intention of performing this role (Can. 874, 2& 3)
- The parents of the child may not assume the role of sponsor. (Can 874.5)

What is Baptism & Christening all about?

This leaflet puts before you the main considerations which you as parents will have in mind when you request Baptism for your child in the Catholic Church. Baptism and Christening (one ceremony) is the most significant moment in our lives. As a thing of infinite value you must weigh carefully your intentions and commitment with regard to all that this great gift implies.

"The future begins today: not tomorrow"
Pope John Paul II



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BAPTISM & CHRISTENING REGISTRATION FORM.

(Please return the completed form to the Parish Administration Suite, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe. NG5 4HT).

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS THE CUSTOM TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE PRIEST ON THE OCCASION OF A BAPTISM.

Information of the Child to be baptised.

Family Surname:

Christian Name (s)

Male Female.

Family Address:

Post Code: Date of birth / / Date of Baptism / / .

Nationality: (i.e. British / Spanish / Polish / African / West Indian etc....)

Father's Name

Surname:

Christian Name (s)



telephone

mobile.



E mail

The Father of the Child is a Catholic.

The Father of the child is a Baptized Christian.

If neither of the above please advise of another religion or non:

Mother's Name

Surname:

Christian Name (s)

Pre Nuptial Name:



telephone

mobile.



E mail

The Mother of the Child is a Catholic.

The Mother of the child is a Baptized Christian.

If neither of the above please advise of another religion or non:

Place of Marriage.

Catholic Other Civil.

God Fathers Names.

Surname

Christian Name

A Practising Catholic

1.

Yes No

2.

Yes No

God Mother's Names

Surname

Christian Name

A Practising Catholic.

1.

Yes No

2.

Yes No

Which Weekend Mass do I normally attend?

At the Good Shepherd Church: Saturday at 6.30 pm.

At another Church (please state)

Sunday 8 am 10 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm

Parent's Declaration: We (I) have asked to have our (my) child

baptised. In doing so we are (I am) accepting responsibility of training him / her in the practise of The Faith. It will be my duty to bring him / her up to keep God's commandments s Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.

We (I) clearly understand what I am undertaking.

Date: _____

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature.

Preparation Seminar Attended: Yes No (If elsewhere proof of attendance may be needed!)

Seminar Leader's Signature: _____

date: _____