

Notes for Baptism

Please read this before completing the Baptism Enrolment form.

Before a child can be Baptised, the Parent/s need to attend a Baptism course. At St Gerard's we usually run 3-4 courses per year, these take place over two evenings (usually a Wednesday) on two consecutive weeks in the Church Porch and last approximately an hour per session.

On the Sunday following the first session, children and their parents are presented to the Parish at the 10.00 am Mass. This is **not** the day for your child's baptism. This is to welcome you into our Church and Parish community.

If you are not currently living within our Parish boundary, you will need to seek written permission from your local Parish Priest. If you are unsure as to the boundary, please ask at the nearest parish for information.

The Fee for the Baptism Course is £45.00 and is payable at the second session.

Baptisms usually take place on the first and/or third Sunday of the month at 12.00 noon. Baptism of your child can only be **arranged after you have completed the baptismal course.**

Godparents should be practising Catholics. If you cannot find 2 practising Catholics, at least one of the God Parents should be a practising Catholic and the other must be a baptised Christian. God Parents must be present on the day and be able to make the promises required of them

Please note that only one Godfather and one Godmother can be accepted in the registered document. Other people can be witnesses on the day by joining the family and named Godparents at the time of baptism.

The Bishop of Salford has requested that parents should attend a weekend Mass for at least 6 to 8 weeks prior to the Baptism taking place.

If you would like to enrol on the next course, please speak to the Parish Priest Father Joseph Gee after one of the weekend Masses either Saturday evening or Sunday morning and he will answer any questions and provide you with an enrolment form.