

Application for Baptism

Applicant Details	
Christian Name(s)	
Surname	
Date of birth	
Address <small>(Primary postal address for applicant please)</small>	
Contact telephone number(s)	
Contact email	

Parent Details	
Mother's Christian name(s) and Surname	
Mother's Occupation	
Father's Christian name(s) and Surname	
Father's Occupation	
Preferred date of baptism	

Details - Godparent <i>(for young children)</i> or Sponsor <i>(for those old enough to make their baptismal promises for themselves)</i>		
	Christian name(s) and Surname	Baptised Y/N
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Notes:

Historically, baptism has taken place when children are very young.

Baptism, at its most practical level, means gaining membership to the Church. There would be few Anglicans or Christians however, who would regard Baptism as only that.

Baptism is a sacrament where God is at work, an outward and visible sign of the inward and invisible action in which God engages, as the person being baptised makes promises in the way that they seek to live and are then washed in the waters of baptism. This marks the beginning of a new relationship with God and the person who has been baptised.

Who can be baptised?

Baptism is open to anyone who seeks to belong to the Anglican Church of Australia. Historically, baptism has taken place when children are very young and not able to answer for themselves. When this happens, parents and godparents or sponsors make promises on the child's behalf. Up until the last few decades, this would have been the norm. There are now many people who have not been baptised as a child and we now see many more people asking for baptism as adults.

What happens during baptism?

Baptism involves making promises before God about the way one chooses to live, stating your belief in God (the Apostles Creed), then being ritually washed by sprinkling with water which has been blessed, and having the sign of the cross made on you, sometimes with blessed oil.

Baptism in the Anglican Church is normally accepted as suitable for membership in any of the mainstream or orthodox Christian traditions.

The normal practice within the Anglican Church when a person has been baptised as a child is to be confirmed by the Bishop or Archbishop at a later time.

What is a godparent?

A godparent is someone who, with the parents, makes promises to support and encourage the person being baptised in the Christian faith. The godparent, along with the parents of a baby or child, also makes promises on behalf of their Godchild.

What promises do godparents make?

The godparent promises on behalf of the godchild to turn to Christ, to repent of their sins, to reject all that is false and unjust and renounce evil.

How many Godparents can we have?

There must be at least one godparent or sponsor. Three or four is the usual number.

Can I be baptised with my child?

Yes. Baptism of adults normally also includes confirmation. Please speak with the priest about this.

Is there a special requirement to be a godparent?

Godparents **must** be baptised. If you would like to ask someone who is not baptised to be a godparent, please talk with the priest about this.