

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Reg. Charity No. 246871

Thames Isis Pastoral Area

The Parishes of Abingdon, Didcot, East Hendred, Hinksey & Wallingford

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

When we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in his death. For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with Him in his death, we will also be raised to life as He was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again.

St Paul's Letter to the Romans 6: 3 – 9

This is what the Catholic Church believes happens at Baptism, but it is a beginning, not an end in itself.

It is the beginning of a life-long commitment to, and friendship with, Jesus Christ in His Body, the Church.

This grafting into the Church, the Body of Christ, is completed in Confirmation, and receiving Jesus in communion in the Eucharist (Mass).

We cannot follow Jesus on our own or in isolation from other Christians.

We need communion with Him, and each other, by gathering round Him in the Eucharist every Sunday. This is what living as a practicing Catholic entails.

If you can commit yourselves to this on behalf of your child, please complete the attached form and return it to:-

Abingdon Parish Office
1 Radley Road
Abingdon
OX14 3PL
abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

We will arrange for you attend a Pre-Baptism session held on the first Wednesday of the month (excluding August & December) at the Parish Centre at Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon Church Abingdon.

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PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED SHEET (to be retained by you) BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

If you live outside the Parish, you must obtain the permission of your local Parish Priest.

PARISH : Abingdon/ Didcot/ East Hendred/ Hinksey/Wallingford (please indicate)

CHILD'S SURNAME.....

CHILD'S CHRISTIAN NAME(S).....

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH.....

FATHER'S NAME IN FULL.....

FATHER'S RELIGION.....

MOTHER'S NAME IN FULL.....

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.....

MOTHER'S RELIGION.....

ADDRESS.....

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POST CODE..... TEL. No.

E-MAIL.....

FULL NAMES(S) OF GODPARENTS

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* The minimum requirement is **one** practicing Catholic Godparent. Any other person asked to act as a Godparent should be a believing Baptised Christian.

We, as parents, ask of God's Church the gift of Baptism for our child. With God's help we accept the responsibility of bringing up our child in the practice of the Catholic Faith.

SIGNED (FATHER).....

SIGNED (MOTHER).....Date:.....

For office use only

Date of Baptism:

Place of Baptism:

Celebrant: