

Baptism is a birth into the Christian community,  
into the Body of Christ

Your child is welcomed into the Catholic faith  
and you make a promise that the faith will be a  
lived reality in your home.

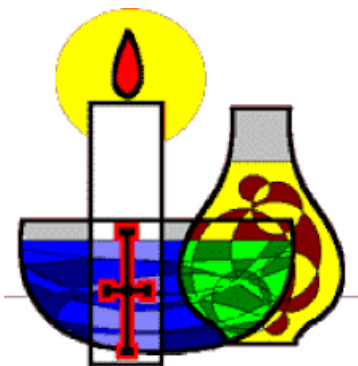
Faith is a gift of God that is encouraged by  
example and instruction.

#### Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism is the first Sacrament in the Initiation of  
a Catholic. Initiation is completed when the child  
is Confirmed and receives First Holy Communion.  
In the Archdiocese of Brisbane children must be  
aged 8 and over to commence preparation for  
Confirmation, followed by Communion.

#### Symbols of Baptism

- ◇ Name
- ◇ Water
- ◇ Oil of Catechumens
- ◇ Oil of Chrism
- ◇ White garment
- ◇ Candle



## More Information

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# Baptism

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Dillon



Welcome to the Surfers Paradise Parish Baptism Preparation Process for your child. The process follows the Rite of Baptism for Children and the Sacramental Guidelines for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and is parish based.

Parents who live in the parish boundaries are eligible to enrol in the preparation process. Readiness of parents to commit to raising their child in the faith is at the discretion of the Parish Priest in consultation with the Parish Team.

The Church asks that at **least one of your child's parents is a Baptised Catholic and at least one godparent is a fully initiated Catholic. That is, over the age of 16, baptised and confirmed Catholic.** Additional persons baptised in a recognised Christian faith are known as "Christian Witnesses" and are also eligible to assist the parents in this role.

### Documentation Required:

- ◇ Child's birth certificate
- ◇ A copy of the Catholic parent's Baptism Certificate

### Baptism Preparation Process

- ◇ For children under the age of eight years, the Baptism Preparation Process involves parental attendance at one compulsory information session prior to the child's Baptism being booked.
- ◇ For children aged eight years and over, an adapted RCIA process is followed with the involvement of parents. The length of this process is dependent on the family's engagement with the process. Baptism occurs during the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator for further details.

### Parent Information Sessions to Commence the Process

**Sacred Heart Church  
50 Fairway Drive,  
Clear Island Waters.**

**Every 2nd Wednesday of the month:  
6.30pm—to 7.30pm**

Please register at Parish Office

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Sacred Heart Church  
Sundays, 10.30am**

This is a booked Sunday after you have attended the above, provided all documentation and paid the fee. The baptism ceremony commences at 10.30am in the church. Please ensure you and your guests have arrived in the church by 10.15am to be seated in readiness for the ceremony.