Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish
Baptism Enrolment Form

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. Please read the enclosed documentation carefully prior to registering your child.

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 PARISH ASKS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR CHILD’S PARENTS IS A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC, AND AT LEAST ONE GODPARENT IS A FULLY INITIATED I.E. BAPTISED & CONFIRMED CATHOLIC WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

A copy of the Catholic parent’s Baptism Certificate is required, as is a copy of each of your child’s Catholic Godparents Baptism certificate and the Baptism certificates of any Christian Witnesses ,i.e. Baptised to a Christian Faith we recognise.

For children under three years of age, the Baptism Preparation Process involves attendance at one compulsory information session.

For children age three to six years, a six session process in the Atrium is required prior to Baptism being booked.

For children age 7 and older, an adapted RCIA process is followed with the involvement of parents.

Please contact the Parish Office for any further information.

Below is an outline of the preparation process.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS TO COMMENCE THE PROCESS.
Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre, next to Sacred Heart Church.

LETTER OF PERMISSION AND COMPLETION OF PREPARATION: If you do not reside within our Parish, as a matter of respect we ask that you contact the Parish priest of your local Parish and obtain a Letter of Permission and Completion of Preparation to have your child baptised outside of your home Parish.

IF YOUR CHILD IS AGE THREE – SIX YEARS, you are required as well to attend six sessions in the Atrium. Please contact the Atrium Coordination for booking sessions.

IF YOUR CHILD IS AGED SEVEN - 16 YEARS, your family is required to enter into an adapted RCIA process. The length of this process is dependent on the family’s engagement with the process, usually around 6 months for children. Baptism occurs during the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Pastoral Associate for further details.

PARENT INTERVIEW:
Parish Office, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.
If you have more questions and you would like to meet with one of the Parish Pastoral Team, please advise the Parish Secretary and an appointment will be organised for you.

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDLE AND INTRODUCTORY RITES
Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, last Sunday of every month during the 9am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sacred Heart Church. This is a booked Sunday after you have attended the above. 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.
BAPTISM ENROLMENT FORM

1ST CHILD’S FULL NAME: ______________________________________ FATHERS NAME: ___________________________

2ND CHILD’S FULL NAME: ___________________________________ MOTHERS NAME: ___________________________

CATHOLIC GODPARENTS Full Name: ___________________________________________ CERT SUPPLIED: ______

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CHRISTIAN WITNESS Full Name: ___________________________________________ RELIGION: ____________

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FAMILY LAW MATTERS: A copy of any Court Orders concerning residence arrangements for the child, time spent by the child with either parent, or parenting issues must be supplied with this Enrolment form.

Are there any such Orders? Yes/No Is a copy of every such Order attached to this Form? Yes/No

I hereby give my consent for my child to be admitted to the Sacraments of the Catholic Church

Father’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Mother’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

BAPTISM FEE: Baptism: $90.00 to cover the cost of administration. (Second child $70.00)

ATRIUM FEE: $60 for six sessions with Catechists.

TOTAL: $ _________ Cash □ Cheque □ Credit Card/Eftpos available at Parish Office □ OR

Netbank BSB: 064-786 Ac: 007331103 Ac Name: Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish. Reference: Baptism/Surname

PARENTAL ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY: THIS SECTION OF THE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARENTS

I understand that enrolment in Sacramental Preparation for Rite of Baptism for Children involves a commitment to attend the compulsory information and age appropriate formation sessions and presentation at Mass. I understand the Parish may not admit my child to the Sacrament if the parents and godparents are not considered suitably prepared.

PARENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________ Date: ________________

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BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FOR THE CATHOLIC PARENT, ALL CATHOLIC GODPARENTS AND ALL CHRISTIAN WITNESSES MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THIS ENROLMENT FORM.