

HINKSEY CATHOLIC PARISH

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Can. 867 §1. "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it.

Can. 868 §1. For an infant to be baptized licitly [...] there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason."

Please fill out this form in full and return to the Parish Office.

The date and time of the Baptism will be agreed with the Parish Office and the Parish Priest.

PERSONAL DETAILS

CHILD'S SURNAME _____

CHILD'S CHRISTIAN NAME(S) _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

FATHER'S FULL NAME _____

FATHER'S RELIGION _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) _____

MOTHER'S RELIGION _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

RESIDENCE

Please tick which of the following applies to you:

☐ We are residents of Hinksey Catholic Parish.

☐ We live outside the boundaries of Hinksey Catholic Parish.

If you are unsure, please check with the Parish Office.

We usually go to Sunday Mass at _____

If you wish to have your child baptised in this Parish, and you live outside the Parish (and are not a member of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham), you are asked to obtain the permission and consent of your pastor of residence before the baptism:

Name _____ Parish _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PREPARATION

Please tick which of the following applies to you:

☐ This is our first child to be baptised Catholic.

☐ We have (an) other child(ren) baptised Catholic.

Parents for whom this is their first child to be baptised Catholic are required to undertake a time of preparation before the Baptism.

GODPARENT(S)/SPONSOR(S)

A child being baptised has either one or two Sponsors, often referred to as Godparents. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. Their names are recorded in the baptismal register. Others may be called Godparents informally: in Church Law they are Witnesses to the baptism. A baptized non-Catholic may be a Witness, but only if there is a Catholic Sponsor.

“Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfil faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1 Be at least 16 years old, unless the pastor or minister of baptism has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 2 be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 3 not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 4 not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.” (Code of Canon Law, 872-874).

FIRST GODPARENT/SPONSOR _____ ☐ Baptised ☐ Confirmed

SECOND GODPARENT/SPONSOR _____ ☐ Baptised ☐ Confirmed

MINISTER OF BAPTISM

A family may wish to invite a priest or deacon who is a relative or friend to perform the Baptism. We are always very happy to facilitate this. The cleric must have a Testimonial of Suitability or Celebret or equivalent, issued by his Bishop or Superior, and dated not more than 12 months from the Baptism. Please attach a copy of this to the form, or provide it to the Parish Office not less than one month before the Baptism.

Minister of Baptism if not the Parish Priest: _____

PARENTAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT

As well as the particular roles which are proper to them during the ceremony itself, Parents and Godparents will agree, at the Baptism, that they will undertake certain duties and responsibilities with and on behalf of the child, in the period before he or she is able to do them fully. These duties are summarised in the following words:

“...Use all diligence therefore to see that *he* be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; and to that end you should teach *him* to pray, and bring *him* to take *his* part in public worship. Take care that *he* be taught the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Our Father, and Hail Mary, and be further instructed in the Catechism; and then that *he* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him; so that *he* may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and may come to receive the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and to go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his holy Catholic Church.”

—*Divine Worship: The Order of Holy Baptism for Infants*

“You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training *him* in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring *him* up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

—*Rite of Baptism for Children*

The parents should sign below to indicate that they understand what they are asking of the Church, and what the Church asks of them in return.

Where one of the parents is not Catholic, the Catholic parent should sign to indicate that they will do what all they can within the unity of their partnership to fulfil these duties. The non-Catholic parent should sign to indicate that they will not oppose the fulfilment of these duties.

SIGNED (FATHER) _____ Date _____

SIGNED (MOTHER) _____ Date _____

For office use only

Date of Baptism:

Place of Baptism:

Minister:*

*If the Minister of Baptism is not the Parish Priest, a Testimonial or Celebret has been provided ☐

The information on this form is requested to help Hinksey Catholic Parish process the Application for Baptism. The names of the child, parents, and godparents, as well as the date and place of the Baptism, are entered in the Baptismal Registers of Hinksey Catholic Parish. All information provided by you is used and processed by us in accordance with our GDPR and privacy policies. For the full GDPR and privacy policies of Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese, please see: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/documents/gdpr>

