

Baptism at Christ Church Cathedral



Baptism is a simple ceremony of washing in water, practised by Christians since the time of Jesus. It is a sign of turning to God, and of faith in Jesus Christ. It is also a sign that Jesus gave us to show his love for us.

Baptism also reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a sign that every sin is forgiven and that we are precious to God. It is like a re-birth. It gives us new life. It makes it possible to start again.

The very fact that you are interested in having your child baptized shows that you recognize the importance of God in your life. For centuries children too young to answer for themselves have been baptized. The Church recognizes the desire of Christian parents to share the life of Christ with their children. "Christening", from the ancient word "christen", mean "to make Christian". Jesus Christ, like you, wants the best for your child.



The Church welcomes you and your child into its midst with love and prayers for the future peace and happiness of your family in the years ahead.

When should a child be baptized?

It is sensible and right to have your baby baptised while s/he is still young. You should not wait simply until it is convenient to have a large, well-attended social gathering. This can be very pleasant and a happy occasion, but it must be seen as of secondary importance to your desire to have your child blessed by God and brought within the Christian family.

On the other hand, baptism can be sought and given any time.

How much does baptism cost?

Nothing. There is no charge for baptism, but it is customary for a thanksgiving offering to be made to the church.

Who may be Godparents?

Godparents are members of the church who have themselves been baptised. A godparent should be someone likely to remain in close touch with the child and family during formative years; a person to admire and emulate.

In the Anglican church it is usual to have three godparents: two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex - to have one godfather and one godmother is sufficient - to have more than three is possible - but quality is better than quantity.

When does the Baptism generally take place?

The Anglican Church encourages parishes to celebrate baptisms during the main Sunday service, which is often a service of holy communion. This enables members of the parish family to share in the welcoming of your baby into the life of the church and it also gives them the opportunity to renew their baptismal promises.

However it is possible to arrange for the baptism to take place at any time which suits both you and the Dean.

*Whoever believes in me
streams of living water
will flow from within him.*



- John 7:38 -

At Christ Church Cathedral we seek to share God's unconditional love of all people regardless of age, sex, marital or family status, sexual orientation, ability or wealth.

APPLICATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

*I wish to have my child baptised at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral,
Darwin on:*



Child's Christian Name(s)

Child's Surname

Date of Child's Birth

Father's Name in Full

Mother's Name in Full

Address of Parents

Contact phone number(s)

Father's Occupation

Mother's Occupation

Names of Godparents in full -

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please remove and send this completed form to:

The Dean
GPO Box 181
Darwin NT 0801

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Dean:

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