



**BAPTISM IN THE CATHOLIC
PARISHES OF**

ST JOSEPH'S

ST MARY'S

ST PIUS X

GUILDFORD

Requirements of the Church

For an infant to be baptised lawfully it is required:

1. That the parents, or at least one of them, or the person who lawfully holds their place, give their consent.
 2. That there be well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the catholic religion. If such a hope is lacking, the baptism is in accordance with the provisions of particular law, to be deferred and the parents advised of the reason for this. (Code of Canon Law para. 868.2).
- In the Guildford Parishes a minimum of two months notice must be given to the parish office.
 - Your parish is the local church which has pastoral responsibility for the area in which you live, (not necessarily the church where you worship). If you wish to have your child baptised in a church where you have no residential qualification a letter giving permission must be obtained from your own parish priest.
 - Evidence of completion of a baptismal course. (see below)

Godparents

To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, (godparent) a person must:

- Be not less than sixteen years of age, unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.
- Be a practising Catholic who has been confirmed and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. A non-Catholic may act as a witness to the baptism in company with a Catholic sponsor.
- Not be either the father or mother of the person to be baptised.

Application Form

NAME OF CHILD: First Name/s: _____

SURNAME: _____

Male

Female

Date of Birth: Day ____ Month _____ Year _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Née: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Other Children: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone No: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Godparents: _____ Religion _____

_____ Religion _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

PRESIDING MINISTER: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

TIME OF BAPTISM: _____

PLACE OF BAPTISM: St Joseph's
St Mary's
St Pius X

First Reading: _____

Psalm: _____

Gospel: _____

ENTERED INTO BAPTISMAL REGISTER: _____

Date: _____

ENTERED INTO PARISH DATA BASE: _____

Date: _____

Please complete the following form for our Parish records,
and return it to the Parish Office.

Please indicate if it is:

to register as a new parishioner *or to update records*

Date: _____

Family Name: _____

Née (surname before marrying) _____

First Name/s: _____

Gender: Male Female

Religion: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal code: _____

E-mail: _____

Home phone No: _____

Mobile : _____

Date of birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Occupation: _____

Marital status: _____ Date of marriage: _____

Church: Yes No

Wife's / husband's /partner's name: _____

(Née) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Religion: _____

Occupation: _____

Country of Origin: _____

P.T.O.

Children

Names:	1.	2.
Gender:		
Date of Birth:		
Date of Baptism:		
Date of Confirmation:		
School:		
Names:	3.	4.
Gender:		
Date of Birth:		
Date of Baptism:		
Date of Confirmation:		
School:		

N.B. It is essential that ALL adults (over 18) sign the form.

Sunday Mass usually attended: _____

Would you like to know more about the Gift Aid programme in the Church? (If you are a tax payer, it allows the Parish to reclaim the tax you have already paid, which will increase your donation without costing you anything)

Yes No

Signature: (first adult) _____

Signature: (second adult) _____

Signature: (additional adults) _____

This information is stored in the parish on computer. Your signature gives us authority to use the information you have given in helping us organize our service to our parish community.

We strictly adhere to the conditions of the Data Protection Register.

All the above information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Baptismal Preparation

The Guildford parishes hold a one evening course for parents each month, (*except in August and December*) in one of the three parish halls.

Preparation for your child's baptism is essential. If you are unable to attend the parish course a certificate from your own parish must be produced.

The celebration of Baptism usually takes place on the third Sunday of each month. You may choose either for the celebration to take place during the main Sunday morning Mass or a baptismal liturgy which is held half an hour after the morning Mass. Given the size of our parishes it is most likely that more than one child will be baptised at the same time.

Liturgy

If the Baptism takes place during the Sunday Mass, the readings will be those for the relevant Sunday.

For Baptisms outside of the Mass, in consultation with the other families, we offer a selection of readings for you to choose. We are unable to provide music. If you wish to have sacramental music, please arrange either for a musician to play or bring along an appropriate CD and player.

Fees

A donation of £25 for administration costs is requested; this covers the Baptism Certificate & candle and 10 personalized booklets (additional booklets can be requested at 50 pence per copy).

The church does not charge for administering the Sacraments but it is traditional for a donation to be made to the priest/deacon as this forms a significant part of their personal income.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the relevant parish office:

St Joseph's

12 Eastgate Gardens,

Guildford

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Tel: 01483 562704

e-mail: stjo@guildfordcatholicchurches.co.uk

St Pius X

Laustan Close

Merrow

Guildford

GUI 2TS

Tel: 01483 572605

Fax: 01483 578266

e-mail: stpiusx@guildfordcatholicchurches.co.uk

St Mary's

Aldershot Road

Rydes Hill

Guildford

GU2 8BP

Tel: 01483 573279

e-mail: stmarys@guildfordcatholicchurches.co.uk

