

WITH YOU ALWAYS: PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong journey and a growing and deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, who also invites parents to make their own new faith commitment through the Baptism of their child/ren.

We'd like to explain how the Baptism team supports parents, godparents and other family members to prepare for this sacrament.

Your first enquiry:

The first step is to contact our Parish Secretary on 0161 480 2489 or stockport3parishes@gmail.com who will email you the Baptism Booking Form for you to complete and then send back to the office. You also need to send a copy of your child's Birth Certificate with this form. This will then be forwarded to the Baptism preparation team.

Initial contact from the Baptism team:

A member of the Baptism team will follow up your enquiry to explain about our preparation arrangements and to answer any questions that you might have.

The Course:

Parents are the first and most important teachers to help their children understand and grow in following Jesus as Catholic Christians. To help you, we ask that you participate in our Baptism for Life programme for families. The course is currently held on a Saturday morning, four times each year (January, April, July and October) between 9.45 and 12.15. It takes place at St Vincent's Church, Handley Road, Bramhall. The course covers important topics that parents need to think about when asking for Baptism. It will include a 'walk through' the sacrament of Baptism and the meaning behind all the baptismal symbols.

You are only required to attend one of the Saturdays. The course is popular and fills up quickly, so we recommend that you book your place early.

Taking part in Sunday Mass:

An important part of Baptism preparation is joining the parish family for the 11.00 am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. We ask that you do this as a family so that we can share the experience together.