

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH



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Dear Parents,

The Parish Community of Our Lady of Lourdes welcomes your inquiry concerning the baptism of your child and will do all we can to assist you in the preparation of this very special event in the life of your family.

Baptism is the first step in the journey of faith within the Catholic Church. To help you understand the Sacrament of Baptism, the way in which the rite is celebrated and the commitment to Christ that Baptism calls from us, our Parish offers **Baptismal Preparation Sessions**. These are held on the **first Wednesday night of the month at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the front of the Presbytery** (please enter at 153 Holberton St - see attached map). It is important that both parents attend, and we strongly encourage the godparents to come along as well.

The baptismal team is made up of volunteers, so we try not to impose on them if we have no bookings for an evening. To assist us, please contact us to let us know which of the sessions you will be attending. We request that you contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance between 9.00am and 12 midday on the Monday prior to the Information night you are attending.

Your child's details and date of Baptism will be taken at the time you book your Preparation session. You will need a white garment and a candle for the Baptismal Ceremony. For your convenience, these are available for purchase from the Parish Office during office hours (9am to 1pm Mon-Fri) or from the Baptismal Team at the Preparation session (candles \$4.00, white garment \$8.00). Alternatively, you may wish to provide your own.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

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