

Application for Baptism, St Mary's Church, Ascot Vale, March-June 2021

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - USE CAPITALS

- Ensure correct spelling – names as given here will appear on the Baptism Certificate and in the Baptismal Register.

Child's Surname: **Male/Female:**

Child's Christian Name(s):

Date of Birth: Baptism of children aged 7 or over involves a separate procedure.

Preferred Date of Baptism: **Proposed number of guests:** (30 max including parents)

- From Sunday 7 March 2021 until Sunday 27 June 2021, baptism ceremonies for multiple families are in general available in St Mary's Church every Sunday at 12:00 noon. However, no Baptisms will be held on the weekend of Easter Sunday, 4 April.

Father's Full Name: **Religion:**

Mother's Full Name: **Religion:**

Mother's Maiden Surname:

- By Church law, a baby can be baptised Catholic as long as there is 'a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion'. If neither parent is Catholic, prior to your application being accepted it will be necessary for you to further discuss the application with the parish priest, to establish how your child's Catholic upbringing is to take place.
- In the parish Baptismal Register, the mother's maiden name is recorded rather than her married surname.

Date of Baptism Information Session you have attended or will attend:

Phone: **Email:**

Address:

- For children living outside Ascot Vale/Maribyrnong parish boundaries, a **Permission Form** from the home parish must be provided when you submit your application.

East of the Maribyrnong River, our parish boundary in the north runs along Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds; down the Craigieburn line railway and Ascot Vale Rd; then down the Flemington Racecourse railway to the River (St Mary's School Zone). West of the Maribyrnong River, the parish extends north from Williamson Rd – Aquatic Dr (immediately south of Highpoint), as far as the Maribyrnong River (St Margaret's School Zone).

GODPARENTS

- There must be at least one Catholic godparent, male or female, but there may be two, one of each sex.
- By Church law, a godparent must be Catholic and be 16 or over. (They should be confirmed and live a life of faith.)

Godfather: **Religion:**

Godmother: **Religion:**

- If it is desired that a non-Catholic fulfil a godparenting role in Catholic Baptism in addition to a Catholic godparent, or that there be a second godparent of the same sex, or that there be third (or even further) godparents, these are technically termed 'witnesses'. In this case, please also fill out one or more of the following (otherwise leave blank):

Witness [optional] **Religion:**

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- The Baptism ceremony, and the Baptism Certificate, will not distinguish who is a 'godparent' and who is a 'witness'. This distinction is for purposes of Church law, and is used in filling out parish Baptismal Registers, which only record godparents.

Names of children being baptised are normally printed in the St Mary's Parish Bulletin of that Sunday.

In accordance with our Parish Privacy Policy, please indicate whether you agree for this to take place:

Please circle: I AGREE FOR MY CHILD'S NAME
TO BE PRINTED IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

PLEASE DO NOT PRINT MY CHILD'S
NAME IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

This form must be submitted (along with any necessary Permission Form from the home parish, if required) by 1:00 pm on the Friday prior to the proposed Baptism date. Forms can be submitted either at the Baptism Information Session, or to: St Mary's Parish Office, 123 St Leonards Rd, Ascot Vale 3032 (Ph: 9370 6688). Once your form(s) are completed and submitted, the Parish Office will contact you as soon as possible to confirm your booking, and the number of guests you can invite.