



## MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

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# BAPTISM FAQs

### **Q: What do I have to do to get my child Baptised? Is the process complicated?**

A: The process is simple, but there are a few things which you should do and need to know before we see you in our office. Please continue reading this page.

### **Q: Can anyone have their child baptised at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish?**

A: The parents of the child to be baptised should be members of the parish. This means that they live in the local area or are associated with our parish by regular attendance.

### **Q: Why is it important for someone to be a member of this parish?**

A: The initial association with the parish through the baptism of your child is important for their future relationship. We hope that your family will be on a long term journey with the parish community here in Blacktown.

### **Q: Do both parents have to be Catholics?**

A: At least one of the parents themselves should be baptised and practicing Catholics. If the parents are not practicing Catholics, then there must be some assurance that the child will be taught the faith and brought to Mass regularly.

### **Q: Who can be a godparent?**

A: Godparents have the role of assisting the parents to raise children in the Catholic faith. The godparents must be at least 16 years of age, baptised and confirmed, and practicing Catholics.

It is possible for a non-Catholic to be chosen as a Christian witness, provided that they are a baptised Christian. You can have up to 4 godparents for your child. At least ONE of them has to be Catholic.

### **Q: When do Baptisms occur at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish?**

A: In our parish we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism during or after the Mass in both St Michael's and St Patrick's Church.

*Download the PDF for the places and times of Baptisms from our website Baptism section. Please note: There are limited places on each given day – you will know on the day of your interview if the date you are planning is still available.*



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### **Q: What do I have to do next?**

A: Please contact the parish office on 9622 1125 or send an email to [pastoralcare@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@mqofblacktown.org.au) for your interview day and time.

### **Q: What do I need to bring for the interview?**

A: You need to fill in and bring the form below. Alternatively, you can send filled in form to the office prior to the day of your interview: [pastoralcare@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### **Q: Who needs to come for an interview?**

A: At least one of the parents of the child.

### **Q: Are there any other requirements?**

A: You and the godparents of the child will need to attend the Baptismal preparation workshop on the first Saturday of the month in which the Baptism of your child will occur (e.g. if your child's Baptism is in November, the first Saturday in November will be your preparation workshop).

**PLEASE USE THE BUTTONS ON OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD FORMS AND BAPTISM SCHEDULES**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING  
YOUR FAMILY AND WELCOMING YOUR  
CHILD INTO THE CATHOLIC FAMILY.