

Catholic Community of East Nottingham

Parishes of St Augustine, Our Lady & St Edward, Sacred Heart

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Baptism information and registration

Congratulations on being a parent.

Your child is a great gift from God and the Church invites you to celebrate that gift through the Sacrament of Baptism.

This leaflet will offer some reflections on the meaning of baptism and the details you complete will help us to support you as parents and prepare for the celebration of Baptism

What is Baptism about? Dear parents and Godparents, you have asked to have this child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Through Baptism, your child will be enlightened by Christ. May they always walk as a child of the light.

Baptism requires that there is a 'well-founded hope' that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith. The first and most basic requirement of this is that the parents and family regularly and frequently attend Sunday Mass. In practice this means at least two Sundays in the month. If you do not already do this, please do not ask to have your child baptised until you have fulfilled this expectation for at least 6 months.

Preparation. Our parish requires the parents of the child to attend two meetings with other parents to help prepare for Baptism. If the child to be baptised is of school age, they too must prepare. **At least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic themselves.**

Godparents. Two are necessary for the child getting baptised. They must be at least 16 years old and at least one of them must be a Catholic who has been confirmed, made their First Holy Communion and regularly attends their own parish. Both Godparents must be baptised. A parent of the child to be baptised cannot also be a Godparent. A non-Catholic may be a sponsor providing another person fulfils the role set out above.

Baptisms in our community take place at any of our churches;

- St Augustine's, Woodborough Road
- Our Lady & St Edward's, Gordon Road
- Sacred Heart, Carlton Hill
- St Christopher's, Trent Lane

Baptisms are usually scheduled during the normal weekend Masses or at another time during the weekend.

Baptism is only the beginning of your child's Christian life. Our schools can support you in bringing up your child in their faith and provide an excellent education.

Primary

St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy www.augustinesprimary.weebly.com/

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Voluntary Academy www.elseacademy.org.uk/

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy www.sacredheart.notts.sch.uk

Secondary

The Becket School www.becketonline.co.uk/

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy www.christtheking.notts.sch.uk

Trinity School www.trinity.nottingham.sch.uk/

Cost. There is no cost for a baptism, but it is traditional to make an offering to the parish for the baptism. Suggested donation is £40

Our community office is; Parish Office, 97 Carlton Hill, Nottingham, NG4 1FP. Tel; 0115 9118266
ccen@diocesenottingham.uk Our community has a team of people who will help you prepare for Baptism

One of our parish clergy will celebrate your baptism; Fr Joe, Fr Jonathan, Fr Marcus, or Deacon Anthony.

Please complete the form and return it to the parish office or complete the on-line form:

<https://ccen.co.uk/baptism/>