BAPTISM INFORMATION SHEET

CHILD’S DETAILS

DATE and TIME of BAPTISM – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ St Patrick’s Cooma/ ……………….Parish

SURNAME:

CHRISTIAN NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH: PLACE OF BIRTH:

HOME ADDRESS:

 PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

# **PARENT’S DETAILS**

FATHER’S NAME IN FULL:

 Religion of Father:

MOTHER’S NAME IN FULL:

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:

 Religion of Mother:

**MARRIAGE DETAILS:**

 Place: Date:

Please Tick: Catholic Church Another Church Another Place Never

PLACE OF WORSHIP:

Please Tick: Frequently Occasionally Almost Never

**OTHER CHILDREN:**

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| Christian Names | Date of Birth | Where Baptised | School |
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**GODPARENTS:**

Names of Sponsors: (at least one Confirmed and Practising Catholic is required)

Names of Christian Witnesses: (other Godparents)

# **PROMISE FORM**

**BY THE CATHOLIC PARENT(S):**

We/I request that our child

Be received into the Catholic community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We/I believe all that Christ has taught us, and are dedicated to the Christian way of life. We wish to pass on to our children the joy of this faith.

We/I understand that Almighty God has given us the gift of this child and the responsibility for his/her Christian upbringing. We realise that the child’s first and most important school is the home, where we shall try to give an example of true Catholic living. We/I also acknowledge our duty to encourage family prayer and to be faithful to Sunday Mass.

We/I are aware that our child must be prepared carefully for the other sacraments: Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and Confirmation. We/I realise that there will be sacrifices asked of us to give our child a continuing Catholic formation and preparation for life. We/I pray to God for the grace to make these sacrifices with a generous spirit and that God will bless our efforts.

 Signed:

**BY A NON-CATHOLIC PARENT:**

I support the request of my partner for the Baptism of our child. Baptism is the joining of a person to the one Body of Christ. It is my hope that all our family, with this child, will one day share together the full joys won for us by Christ. I will do all in my power to foster the growth and health of the Christ-life in our child.

 Signed:

**DECLARATION BY THE GODPARENTS:**

By Catholic Parties:

We wish to act as sponsors at the Baptism of this child. We will help the parents, in whatever way we can, in their effort to impart the faith and a joy in living to their child.

We are Baptised and Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

We understand that devotion to Christ’s way, through prayer, the reception of the Sacraments, and the living out of the Christian vocation in life, is called for if we are to fulfil our role as sponsors of this child.

 Signed:

By A Christian Of Another Tradition:

I wish to act as a Christian Witness at the Baptism of this child. I am a believing Baptised member of a Christian Faith. Sharing the same Baptism in the Father, the Son and Spirit, I will strive to do all I can to assist the parents in forming the child in the joyful love and service of God and His people.

 Signed:

SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION

GODPARENTS should be people who take an interest in the child’s spiritual welfare. They should be Baptised and Confirmed Catholics. They are to give an example of practical Christianity to the child. It is desirable that there be two Godparents. If for some reason a non-Catholic or non-practising Catholic is chosen, they take the role of ‘Christian Witness’ at the Baptism. The person should be a Baptised believing Christian, and be ready to help the child grow in the faith of Christ in whatever way he or she can. The priest should be told if a non-catholic party is involved.

It is required by Church law that parents and godparents prepare well and are have an adequate appreciation and understanding of the gift of Baptism.

In accordance with a long standing custom, among other considerations in deciding upon the child’s name, that of choosing a saint’s name is recommended. Thus the child would have a special patron who will be an example for the child in Christian living.

The child will be dressed in a white robe during the ceremony. This is to indicate the dignity of the new life of Christ which the child receives, and the purity of heart and soul which should mark out the Christian. Some families have the praiseworthy custom of keeping one special robe for the Baptism of all their children. Others see it more fitting to make a special Baptism Robe for each child.

Part of the ceremony involves the presenting of a LIGHTED CANDLE to the family of the newly-baptised child. A light is taken from the big Easter candle. This symbol indicates that the child now shares in the victory of Christ over sin and death – Christ, The Light of the World! Special candles are available from Catholic stores or from the Church. Any candle will do. It is a custom for some families to have a family baptism candle.

A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM will be given to you by the priest after the ceremony.

If the parents of the child to be baptised RESIDE IN ANOTHER PARISH, the Parish Priest of that parish must be notified and his written permission obtained before the Baptism may take place.

Although there is no set FEE FOR BAPTISM parents are encouraged to follow the Church’s tradition and make a donation to the Church, through the priest, following the Baptism ceremony ($100 recommended). If you are a current member of the Parish Planned Giving Program your donation has already taken place.

Some dates to remember:

 Baptism date: St Patrick’s 11.30am, Saturday/ Sunday

St Mary’s Adaminaby/ St Andrew’s Nimmitabel/ All Saint’s Numeralla by arrangement

Parish Priest can be contacted at Presbytery , Phone 6452 2062