

## Baptisms at St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

In St. Christopher's Cathedral Parish, baptisms are held on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at the Cathedral (12.30pm) and on the Third Sunday of each month at St. Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla (10.30am). You can contact the Parish Office at 02-6239 9846 to make a booking.

You will be required to attend a pre-baptism information session if:

- it is your first child you are seeking to have baptised; or
- if you have not attended a session for your previous child/ren; or
- if it has been at least three years since you attended a session.

Baptismal Preparation Sessions are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Boardroom, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest. Please notify the Parish office of which Baptismal Preparation Session you will be attending (either with this Parish or your local Parish).

Upon booking, you will be emailed a form for completion and return. This will include the details required for the Baptismal Register and the Baptism Certificate, as well as the signatures of the parents and godparents. At least one Catholic godparent is required, and not more than two godparents (one of these may be of another Christian faith, but at least one must be Catholic).

The completed form must be returned to the Parish Office by the Tuesday prior to the baptism. The baptism cannot take place before the form is returned and donation payment made.

The donation payment (ideally made at the time the form is returned) is \$100. The donation payment can be made either by online payments: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>, Direct Bank Transfer, credit card payment either in person at this office, cash or cheque (made out to St Christopher's Parish).

If the child for baptism is seven years or older, you will need to call the Parish Office about organising adequate preparation for the child before baptism.

If you do not bring your own baptismal candle to the baptism, you will be provided with a small, simple one.

Ideally the infant for baptism should come dressed in a white garment.