

**Baptism  
December 2022 to December 2023**

<b>Preparation Sessions in the Cathedral Wednesdays at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Presentation of Child at Mass 8 am or 11 am Mass</b>	<b>Baptism Date Saturday 11 am</b>
Wednesday 7 December 2022	Sunday 11 December 2022	Saturday 17 December 2022
Not available in January 2023	Sunday 1 January 2023	Saturday 7 January 2023
Not available in January 2023	Sunday 22 January	Saturday 28 January
Wednesday 1 & 8 February	Sunday 12 February	Saturday 18 February
Wednesday 8 & 15 March	Sunday 19 March	Easter Sunday 9 April at 8 am or 11 am Mass
Wednesday 8 & 15 March	Sunday 16 April	Saturday 22 April
Need to have attended Wednesday 3 & 10 May	Sunday 14 May	Saturday 20 May
Need to have attended 3 & 10 May	Sunday 11 June	Saturday 17 June
Wednesday 5 & 12 July	Sunday 16 July	Saturday 22 July
Need to have attended 5 & 12 July	Sunday 13 August	Saturday 19 August
Wednesday 6 & 13 September	Sunday 17 September	Saturday 23 September
Need to have attended 6 & 13 September	Sunday 15 October	Saturday 21 October
Wednesday 1 & 8 November	Sunday 12 November	Saturday 18 November
Need to have attended 1 & 8 November	Sunday 10 December	Saturday 16 December

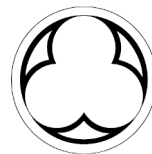
*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to touch them.... And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.....(Mark 10)*

Parents—One parent needs to be a Baptised Catholic. Please supply copy of your Baptism Certificate.

Godparents ~ At least one must be a Baptised and Confirmed Catholic and copy of Baptism Certificate is required. All godparents need to be Baptised Christians and over the age of 16.

If the Cathedral is not your usual place of worship we recommend you contact your local parish (look under 'C' for Catholic in the white pages of the phone book). Baptism is an important way of making a connection with your local parish and priest, and the future support your local community offers.

This is especially important if your children are approaching school age. If you already belong to another parish, then the baptism should take place there.



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**CELEBRATING THE  
SACRAMENT  
OF  
BAPTISM  
FOR INFANTS**



**ST PATRICK'S  
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**Te Whare-Karakia o Hato Patiriki  
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Thank you for your enquiry about having your child baptised.

Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation or 'belonging'.

It is an important decision, among many, that you will make on behalf of your child. Already you are making choices for your children... how they are to be cared for, the sort of food they eat, the clothes that they wear, the schools they will attend, the company they will keep... Importantly you are now considering how best to care for them spiritually by introducing them formally into the life of Christ and his Church.

As a church community we share in the well-being of your children, especially in a spiritual sense. For a child to be accepted as a candidate for baptism there needs to be a 'founded hope' that he or she will be brought up in the practice of the Catholic faith. This includes giving them a sense that they are loved deeply by God.

Introducing your child to personal prayer and also to the life of the 'community of faith' which meets each Sunday for Eucharist (as it has done for some 2000 years!) is a part of this 'well founded hope'. At the Cathedral we endeavour to make children welcome by having children's liturgy available at the 8am, 11am, 4.30pm Sunday Masses.

Please reflect on your reasons for having your child baptised.

It is a significant step and we firmly hope that as your child grows, he/she will have a wonderful sense of God's presence and action in his/her life.



### The Baptism of Infants

at St Patrick's consists of three parts: (For Baptism of children aged 7 and over please contact the Cathedral office).

1. Participation in a Baptism Preparation Programme. Contact the Parish Office on 303 4509. Please note Preparation Courses are held regularly.

Please note: that you must attend both sessions for Baptism Preparation (unless indicated otherwise) and there are no Baptisms during Lent (15 February 2023 to Easter Sunday 9 April 2023).

It is essential to book.

2. Presentation of your child. This is a simple ritual within the Sunday Mass that involves presenting your child to the community of faith that gathers on a Sunday. It includes the naming of your child and the anointing with the Oil of Catechumens (no special clothing is required and godparents are not required to be present but are most welcome). Please sit towards the front left so we are able to easily identify you. The priest will guide you through the ceremony itself.

3. The Celebration of Baptism then takes place on a Saturday at 11 am. This arrangement sometimes changes so please check carefully the dates and times overleaf. You will need to bring a candle for the baptism ceremony. You may like to have the candle engraved with the date and child's name. Candles can be arranged through The Square Gift Shop in St Patrick's Square 365 1693.

Because of the large number of requests for baptism at St Patrick's, the Rite of Baptism is celebrated communally. Individual baptisms do occur, but you will need to provide your own priest, and speak to him about the appropriate baptismal preparation. Contact Parish Office for date availability.

If this is not your first child to be baptised and you have already completed a preparation programme then you are not required to participate in another programme. You will still need to book in for the Presentation and Baptism steps as outlined above.

Please book Baptisms directly with the Parish Office tel: 303 4509 or email: [info@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz) Dates are listed overleaf.

It is necessary to complete a Baptism Record form and send to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office, 43 Wyndham St, Auckland 1010, or email [info@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz)

We would ask that you make a donation of \$50 to the Parish which helps us cover expenses. If you wish to pay by direct credit, details are on the booking form. If for any reason this causes hardship please do not hesitate to speak to the Parish Secretary.

\$4.50 parking is available at Wilson's car park, Hobson St using the ParkMate App or pay by plate. Validated parking is available for \$2 at Wilson's car park in Durham Lane .