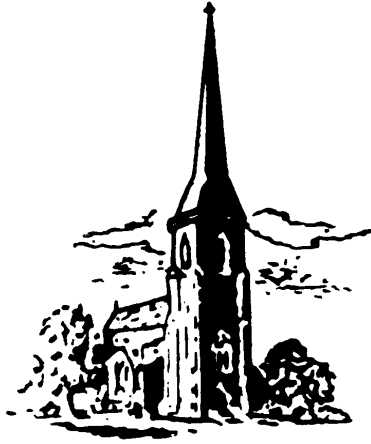


The Church of St John the Evangelist

TOORAK – MELBOURNE



APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

NAME OF CANDIDATE:.....

PROPOSED DATE OF BAPTISM:

SUNDAY

atAM/PM

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF GUESTS:.....

PLEASE RETURN TO:

*St John's Parish Office
86 Clendon Road
Toorak 3142*

Telephone: (03) 9826 1765

Fax: (03) 9826 4395

ABOUT BAPTISM

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives. It is a first step we take in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful and unrepeatable moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, make some serious promises, and declare our faith. Hearing and doing these things provides those who are already baptised an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit, as Jesus was at his baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptised walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

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AFTER THE BAPTISM

All who are baptised should be further formed and instructed in the Christian faith by attending services of worship, ideally in the church where the Baptism took place. Parents and godparents, who act as sponsors at the Baptism, undertake to do this. Services at St. John's Toorak are every Sunday at 8am and 10am, the latter service includes Sunday School. All services are in the Anglican tradition and include Holy Communion. All are welcome.

SURNAME:

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**Parents' Christian
names in full**

Baptised

Confirmed

**Denomination
(if not Anglican)**

..... YES/NO YES/NO.....

..... YES/NO YES/NO.....

Child's names:

Date of birth:

Address

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Telephone

Email address.....

Other children in the family:

Name

Date of birth

Baptised

1. YES/NO

2. YES/NO

3. YES/NO

4. YES/NO

5. YES/NO

6. YES/NO

GODPARENTS' NAMES (*Print indicate whether Ms, Mrs or Miss.*)

clearly, in full if possible and please

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BAPTISM

Contact the parish office.
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