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WELCOME!

The Christian Community of Saint Nicholas Parish - East Tamworth is very happy that you have made contact for your child's Baptism.

BAPTISMS are usually held on Saturday at 11am; Sunday at 9.30am (within the Mass) and Sunday 12 noon. If you wish to have a Baptism outside this regular Schedule, please discuss with the Parish Priest.

In bringing your child for Baptism it is well to remember that the parents are first and foremost the ones who bring up their children to live the Catholic Faith. They should create in their homes an environment where their children come to know and love God. Among their priorities should be regular attendance at Sunday Mass as well as the practice of everyday prayer in the home.

Sponsors [Godparents] of which a maximum of two-three is allowed, to represent the Catholic Community into which your child is baptised. At least one of the Godparents must be a Catholic, who has received the Sacraments of initiation and are free by Church law to carry out their responsibilities. A member of another Christian Community may act as a Christian Witness along with the Catholic Sponsor.

PRIOR to Baptism:

Parents/Guardians are required [without exception, if they have not done so in the previous two years] to attend a BAPTISM Preparation Session [held in the Parish Meeting Room, located in the Presbytery grounds] before the intended date of Baptism – these are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 2pm:

For 2025, the dates are as follows:

 04 January 2025
 03 May 2025
 06 September 2025

 01 February 2025
 07 June 2025
 04 October 2025

 01 March 2025
 05 July 2025
 01 November 2025

 05 April 2025
 02 August 2025
 06 December 2025

A copy of the child's <u>Birth Certificate</u> must be submitted with this form. The *Baptismal Offering* amount is \$75 per child – this can be paid in cash, or by EFT.

You are also asked to bring a White candle with you on the day of Baptism, and to have a white Baptismal Bib or Garment, so that your child may be 'clothed' in the Baptismal garment, during the Baptism Liturgy.

Office use - checklist

NAME:	DATE & TIME OF BAPTISM:		
Tick if 'Exempt from Baptis	m Prep'		
To attend Baptism Prep on		Attended Baptism Prep on	
Baptismal Offering Paid on:	Receipt #:	(Celebrant:
*********	*********	********	*********
CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM DE	TAILS (PLEASE ATTACH a copy o	f the BIRTH CERTIFICATE to	this form. Thank you!)
Full Name of Child			
Date of Birth			
Residential Address			
Place of Birth			
Father [Full Name]			Religion
Home Address			
Email address			
Telephone			
Mother [Full Nove]			
Mother [Full Name]			Religion
Home Address			
Email Address			
Telephone			
Godparents [Full Name]			Religion
			Religion
			Religion
Date of Baptism:	Time of Baptism:		
Baptism requested by:		Relationship to Child:	
Celebrant:	Name of Church for Baptism:		
Father's signature:			

Yes we **allow** / **No** we **do not allow** the FULL NAME of our child to be included in the Parish Bulletin and in the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of the Baptism.

NB: IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A <u>PRIVATE BAPTISM</u>, PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH THE PARISH PRIEST.