

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin with St James,
West Derby.

Information and Application for Holy Baptism (Christenings)

Godparents must be aged 16 years or more and be baptised into the Christian Faith. A child will traditionally have three godparents (e.g. a male candidate will traditionally have two males and one female and a female candidate two females and one male). Two godparents are the minimum and parents can also be the godparents. The Baptism Register makes provision for the names of four godparents to be entered. If you have any more than four godparents then they can still stand on the day and be godparents, but only the first four godparents, as stated below, will be entered in the church Baptism Register.

It is a requirement under Canon law (church law) that all godparents must be baptised.

Full name of the 1st godparent		Baptised?	YES	NO
Full name of the 2nd godparent		Baptised?	YES	NO
Full name of the 3rd godparent		Baptised?	YES	NO
Full name of the 4th godparent		Baptised?	YES	NO

Booking Conditions - please read this carefully and sign below:

- * I/we confirm that the above information is correct.
- * I/we confirm that we have attended a regular act of worship in church.
- * I/we confirm that we live in the parish or have a strong connection through our regular attendance of 3 months or more.
- * I/we consent to our information will only be used for operational and pastoral purposes.
- * I/we consent to the baptism being recorded in the church register.
- * I/we accept full and unconditional responsibility for the baptism of a minor (under 18yrs).
- * I/we have fully completed this form and that the information is correct.

I/we have read the baptism information and agree to the booking conditions.

Signature of father	
Signature of mother	

Next:

Please detach this completed part of the application form and arrange the date with us. Please keep the information part - it may come in handy! Thanks ever so much.

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What happens at a service of Holy Baptism? *At baptism, by the power of the Holy Spirit, people are made a Christian, a follower of Jesus and a member of God's church. They become a modern day disciple of Jesus. Therefore, the relationship with God begins at baptism. Just as water washes and cleanses us, so God washes away and forgives our sins in baptism. So, in baptism, we thank God that He has given us new life - for all of our life!*

Information: Baptism bookings are made after you have attended any Sunday Service. Baptism bookings are made for any who live in the parish of St Mary's or who have regularly attended this church for more than 3 months. We'll offer what availability we have for the next few months and endeavour to make the booking for you. If there is no immediate availability, then we will ask you to just keep hold of your completed booking form so you can ask us to check future availability. We do not reserve dates and deal with each application on a 'first come, first served basis.

How to book a Baptism. Attend an act of worship at St Mary's on Sunday Morning. Take the attached form away, read the booking conditions and complete. Detach the completed form and bring the completed form back to church.

On the day of the service

The service will begin at 12.00 noon and we ask that everyone is seated and ready by 11.50

Can we pick our own date for the Christening? *No, because the dates are worked out by the Clergy in advance and dates have already been reserved ahead.*

How do I know if I live within the parish of West Derby? *You can check this by typing your full postcode into this link www.achurchnearyou.com or we'll let you know.*

We don't live in the parish of West Derby. *The best way to proceed is to contact the Clergy at your local parish church. You can find this by using www.achurchnearyou.com*

What does an active and strong connection mean? *Some people who do not live within the parish choose to attend services here on a regular basis week by week and have done so, in many cases, for a long time. It is because of this that St Mary's has become, and is, very much 'their church'.*

How can we build up a 'strong connection' and then have a baptism service? *You can, because by regularly attending worship here for 3 month or more you'll be making St Mary's 'your church'.*

We got married here, other children christened here or had a funeral here. *If you live outside the parish then we do understand that there may be some ties following a previous wedding, christening or funeral. Regrettably, this does not mean that there is any automatic right. However, that's ok because if you live outside the parish and if this is really important to you, then you can always attend church for 3 months and afterwards book the baptism.*

APPLICATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM AT ST MARY WEST DERBY

12.00 noon

INFORMATION: Please be advised that We baptise up to four families at each baptism service. Therefore, to keep everyone as safe as possible we ask that you try to keep your guests to a minimum

Please ensure that this form is fully completed (including the information about godparents) before arranging a date and time of the service. Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

Candidate's Christian names	
Candidate's Surname.	
Candidate's Date of Birth of	
Father's full name	
Father's Occupation	
Mother's full name	
Mother's Occupation	
Family address which must be in the Parish	
Telephone number	
Email address	

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