

St Catharine's Catholic Church, Frome.

Time of Preparation for Baptism 2017.

Dear families,

We look forward to welcoming you during your time of preparation for your child's Baptism. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in love for God and one another.

Please see the Spring and Autumn dates for 2017 on the following pages. If you haven't done so already, please complete the Registration Form on page 4 and return it to the coordinator at the address below or send via email. Once the current Preparation has begun (28th February / 19th September) it will be necessary to wait and register for the next set of dates to take part.

We will then come and meet you at home and give you our information and welcome pack and discuss your hopes for your Preparation and Baptism.

Please also read the Important Information about Godparents on page 5. We will discuss this further during the Preparation and it is important to be clear on the criteria the Church asks for someone to be a Godparent, before you ask your friends or family. If you were unable to find a Godparent the Church would be able to support you to find someone from the local Parish community.

May you be blessed as you embark in this special time of preparation.

With our love and prayers,

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Baptism Preparation at St Catharine's - Spring 2017

January-February 2017—Meet families at home.

- ◆ We will give you a welcome and information pack and discuss your hopes for your time of Preparation and Baptism.

Tuesday 28th February - Evening for Parents.

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9pm.
- ◆ Introduction, DVD with informal discussion and refreshments.

Sunday 5th March - Gather at Morning Mass

- ◆ St Catharine's @ 9.30am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in Parish Hall.

Sunday 12th March - Rite of Welcome at morning Mass.

- ◆ St Catharine's by 9.20am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 14th March - Evening for Parents.

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9pm.
- ◆ Continued discussion and refreshments.

Sunday 19th March - Gather at Morning Mass

- ◆ St Catharine's @9.30am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 28th March - Evening for Parents .

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9/915pm.
- ◆ This evening will include a run through of the Rite of Baptism and Rehearsal in the Church.

Notes:

- ◆ *Baptisms will be booked in once the Preparation has been completed.
In the Spring Baptisms can take place after Lent has finished, so after 16th April 2017.*
- ◆ *If you need a babysitter for any of the evenings we can try and find a volunteer from the Parish if this would be helpful. If you have a younger baby you are most welcome to bring them along if it is best for them :-)*
- ◆ *Prospective Godparents are welcome to join us at any of the above dates and especially the Rehearsal. Please see additional sheet regarding choosing Godparents.*

Baptism Preparation at St Catharine's - Autumn 2017

August-September 2017—Meet families at home.

- ◆ We will give you a welcome and information pack and discuss your hopes for your time of Preparation and Baptism.

Tuesday 19th September - Evening for Parents.

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9pm.
- ◆ Introduction, DVD with informal discussion and refreshments.

Sunday 24th September—Gather at Morning Mass

- ◆ St Catharine's @ 9.30am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in Parish Hall.

Sunday 1st October - Rite of Welcome at morning Mass.

- ◆ St Catharine's by 9.20am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd October - Evening for Parents.

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9pm.
- ◆ Continued discussion and refreshments.

Sunday 8th October - Gather at Morning Mass

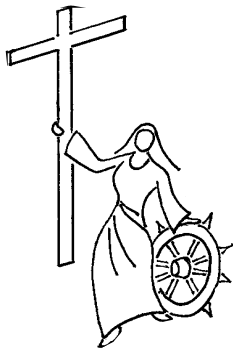
- ◆ St Catharine's @9.30am.
- ◆ Followed by refreshments and play for children in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 17th October - Evening for Parents .

- ◆ Parish Hall 7.30-9/915pm.
- ◆ This evening will include a run through of the Rite of Baptism and Rehearsal in the Church.

Notes:

- ◆ *Baptisms will be booked in once the Preparation has been completed.
In the Autumn Baptisms can take place after 17th October 2017.*
- ◆ *If you need a babysitter for any of the evenings we can try and find a volunteer from the Parish if this would be helpful. If you have a younger baby you are most welcome to bring them along if it is best for them :-)*
- ◆ *Prospective Godparents are welcome to join us at any of the above dates and especially the Rehearsal. Please see additional sheet regarding choosing Godparents.*



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CATHOLIC CHURCH FROME.
BAPTISM PREPARATION 2017

Thank you for your interest in Baptism Preparation at St. Catharine's. Please complete and sign this form and return it to the Course Coordinator, Kay Marie Rhodes. 67 Lower Keyford Frome BA11 4AS. 01373 473761 / 07591 175774. Email: kay.rhodes@stcatharines.co.uk

Names of parent/s:.....

Address:

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Email address.....

Telephone number.....

Mobile number 1.....Mobile number 2.....

Details of child (or children) for whom you are preparing for
Baptism, (if you are expecting a baby please enter the expected
date of birth).

Name(s)

Date of Birth:

DETAILS OF PARENTS, INCLUDING BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION DETAILS.

For a child to be baptised in the Catholic Church it is necessary for at least one parent to be a Catholic. We need the following details of each parent.

If you are in the process of becoming a Catholic through the RCIA Journey in Faith, please record on the Confirmation line below the date on which you hope to be received into the Church.

Mother — full name:.....

(include surname at date of baptism if different to above)

Baptism; name of Church and date:.....

Confirmation; name of Church and date:.....

Father—full name:.....

Baptism; name of Church and date:.....

Confirmation; name of Church and date:.....

I/we wish to enrol for the Baptism Preparation Evenings at St Catharine's Catholic Church.
Spring /Autumn Dates (circle as appropriate).

Signed:

Important information about Godparents.

You might have already thought about who you would like your child's Godparents to be. Prospective Godparents are welcome and encouraged to join us at the evenings, the Mass and especially the Rehearsal.

We will be discussing the role and choosing of Godparents when we meet. It is important to know the criteria that the Church requires for Godparents before you ask a friend or family member.

- ◆ You must have at least one Godparent. At least one Godparent should be a practicing and confirmed Catholic.
- ◆ It is traditional to have one man and one woman, and there is room for names of two Godparents in the Register. If you have additional Godparents or Christian Witnesses, their names will not appear in the Register.
- ◆ Any Godparent or Christian Witness must have been baptised, either as a Catholic or in another Christian denomination.
- ◆ Anyone who is a baptised Christian would officially be known as a 'Christian Witness'.
- ◆ If you wish, the Church is able to help you find someone from the local parish community to act as Godparent for your child.
- ◆ You will be given a 'Baptism Planner' sheet to complete which will include your details and the names of Godparents, along with the place and date of their baptism and/or confirmation for our records.
- ◆ Godparents will be given a couple of booklets about becoming a Godparent and their role in the ceremony, along with a certificate for Godparents as a special reminder of their role and responsibility.

'Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.'

Prayer from the Rite of Baptism.