

Welcome! We are excited you have made this decision to prepare for Baptism and welcome you and your family to our parish. We understand that Baptism is an important time for you, and we want to be part of that journey.

Faith is one of the most beautiful gifts we can give our children, yet many parents don't feel equipped to take on the responsibility of helping their children come to know Jesus. Our programme is designed to help parents reconnect with their faith, connect with other families, and connect with our community so they are supported as they embark on this journey. It is an opportunity to explore aspects of our Catholic faith through a combination of facilitated discussion and coming to weekend mass over a 7- week period as follows:

Week 1	Session 1: "Sacrament of Baptism, Sacrament of Confirmation" (Sunday 10:20am – 12:00 noon)
Week 2	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat, 7am, 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 3	Session 2: "Holy Orders and Sacrament of Reconciliation" (Sunday 10:20am – 12:00 noon)
Week 4	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat, 7am, 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 5	Session 3: "Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick" (Sunday 10:20am – 12:00 noon)
Week 6	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat, 7am 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 7	Session 4: "Sacrament of Marriage and Practise of Baptism Liturgy"

We run 4 baptism preparation sessions per year. Our 2026 dates are:

Term 1: Sunday 1st February – 8th March

Term 2: Sunday 17th May – 28th June

Term 3: Sunday 19th July – 30th August

Term 4: Sunday 11th October – 22nd November

Baptism brings your child into a relationship with Jesus as they become a member of the family of God and become part of our community. This is why we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during our weekend masses (Saturday vigil, 5pm, or Sunday mornings, 9am or 11:00am) rather than private occasions.

Baptism for children 5 years to 12 years

To support children between 5-12 years as they take these first steps into the Catholic faith, we have lessons to help them understand what Baptism means and what to expect on Baptism Day. These interactive lessons will have parents supporting their children on their formation journey. Various teams will support each age group in separate room locations.

Baptism for teenagers 13+ years

Parents will support their teenage children in a composite group of similar aged children, alternatively with 18 + years children directed to the parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult program.

For more information on baptism and to register your interest, please visit <https://olscparish.org.au/sacraments-for-children/> and a member of our baptism team will be in contact with you after you register with our [baptism enquiry form](#).



If you have previously completed Baptism preparation with our parish, please connect with us via our [baptism enquiry form](#).



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I that I have commanded you.”
– Matthew 28:19-20

