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"And who is going to be the Godfather?"

Choosing godparents for your baby can be a sensitive matter. When you ask someone to take

on this responsibility you are inviting that person to share in the life of your family in a very special and important way.

A godparent is someone who represents the family of the church. As such, they should:

- be members of the Catholic Church and should be baptized, have been confirmed and have received Holy Communion
- be over 16 years old, unless a different age has been established by the Diocesan Bishop
- be practising members of the Catholic Church.

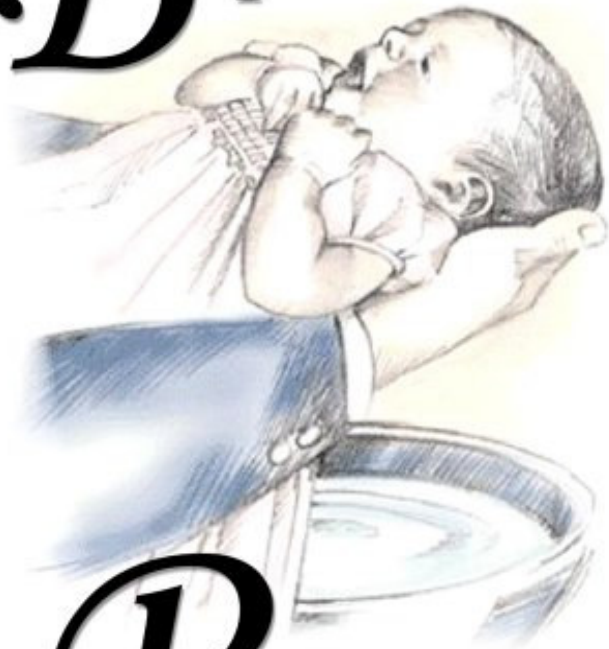
Because godparents are to be an example to their godchild they should:

- be able to show, by the quality of their lives, what it means to be a member of God's family
- be people who are prepared to pray for their godchild.

While there must be at least one godparent who is a practising Catholic, some families may wish to invite other Christian members of their family or friends to be 'Christian Witnesses' to the baptism.

If you now wish to book a baptism, please **fill in a booking form and return it to the parish priest. Then phone Teresa Kehoe, 01527 575077 to book your place on the next Baptism Preparation Evening.**

Baptism



Preparation

'From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. The sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1229 & 1212

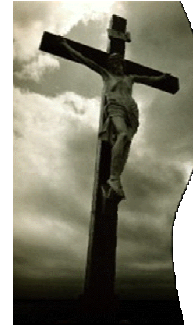
**ST PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BROMSGROVE,
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***For it was you who created my being,
Knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
For the wonders of all your creation'.
Psalm 138 (139)***



Bringing new life into the world is one of the greatest miracles of life. It brings with it so many joys & blessings. The love you have for your baby is part of the love that God has. Just as you want your baby to find love, happiness and peace, so does God. That is why God gave this new life into your care.

In the sacrament of Baptism God shows this love. Through this sacrament, your child will become part of the family of the Church.



By asking for baptism for your baby, you are accepting the responsibility of training him or her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him or her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.

At the Rite of Baptism you will be asked if you clearly understand what you are undertaking. With this in mind, before you have your baby baptised, we, at St Peter's, ask you to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening. This evening will help you make an informed decision and will help you on the path you have chosen.



One of the most commonly asked questions is who can I choose to be godparents. See overleaf for the answer...