



## **CHOOSING A GODPARENT**

A Godparent has an important role to play in the spiritual nurturing of your child. The person you choose to be Godparent is also viewed as a representative for the Roman Catholic Church at your child's Baptism.

For these reasons Godparents must have received the following three Sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church: Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation to be eligible to be a Godparent. It is also recommended that Godparents be aged 16 years or over. At least one Godparent is required so that the Church is represented as your child receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

If you choose a family member or friend who does not meet the requirements to be a Godparent they are still able to be part of this special occasion and will be known as a Witness. A person who is a Witness is most welcome to stand alongside you as your child is baptised however their name will not be included in any of the official documentation such as Baptism Certificate or the Parish Baptism Register.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your family a joyful celebration and welcome your child into our faith community. We know as parents you have made an enormous decision to have your child baptised thus taking on the responsibility for nurturing them spiritually and guiding them as they begin their own relationship with God.

Please contact the Parish Baptism Coordinator or the Parish Office if you require clarification regarding the above information on choosing a Godparent or if we can assist you in any other way to ensure that your child's Baptism proceeds smoothly.

St. Anne's Parish Baptismal Team