



## Baptismal Preparation Information

### Prayer

#### IF CHILDREN

live with tolerance....  
they become tolerant  
live with encouragement....  
they display confidence  
live with praise....  
they become appreciative  
live with fairness....  
they respect justice  
live with security....  
they develop faith  
and children living with approval,  
learn to like themselves  
and through living with  
acceptance and friendship  
they discover love in the world.

God,  
We thank you....  
for the gift of our children.  
We thank you....  
for the love and joy they bring  
to our family.  
Give us the strength and the wisdom we  
need for the task of guiding these  
young lives.  
Help us to make our homes places  
where they can experience Your  
love in the love we give them.

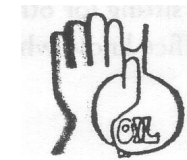
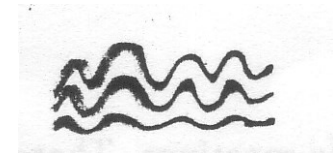
Amen



### Symbols

The Rite of Baptism is a beautiful ritual,  
rich in word, gesture and symbol.  
In the Bible we find frequent use of  
these symbols:

Water



Oil

Light



White  
Garment

## Preparation for the Baptism of Infants at St Joseph's, Nambour is as Follows

### *Welcome & Congratulations*

on the decision  
to have your baby  
baptised.

*Baptism is the beginning  
of your child's faith journey  
and presumes some level  
of continuing relationship  
between the child  
and the Church,  
initially through you,  
as parents.*

- Step 1. Meeting with the Parish Priest** (phone 5441 1034 for an appointment). Your details will be taken when you phone to be provided to the Priest.
- Step 2. The Preparation Session:** Parents will then attend one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30am in the Parish Centre. Godparents are also encouraged to attend this preparation Session. *(Please note that one of your chosen Godparents must be Catholic.)* Children are most welcome to attend with you.
- Step 3. Presentation:** This usually takes place the week prior to Baptism, during one of the weekend Masses (either Saturday at 6pm, Sunday 7am or 9am). *Please make sure that the parish office knows which Mass you will be attending so arrangements can be made to have your candle ready.*  
**The process is simple:** during Mass, a parishioner will speak from the microphone and invite you to bring your child up to the Altar. The Priest will say a few words to you—he will possibly say ‘What Christian name have you given to your child?’ (and you simply respond with the child’s name), and ‘what do you ask of the Church for this child?’ (and you respond with ‘Baptism’ or ‘Faith’). You will be presented with a candle, the congregation will welcome you with applause, and you then return to your seat.
- Step 4. The day of Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated during either 6pm Saturday, 7am, or 9am Sunday Masses. Your time and date of Baptism will be confirmed during your appointment with the Priest. *Remember to bring the candle that was presented to you, for use during the Baptismal service.* You will be presented with a certificate of Baptism for your child’s records.

### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH**

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