



St Paul's Catholic Church

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Dear

Congratulations on your new arrival.

Please find enclosed a Baptismal Form, for you to complete, and return to St. Paul's Parish, at the address given above.

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Paul's Church, **only on Sundays**, at 12.00 pm.

This is the set time, so please be punctual.

In 2018, there will be no Baptisms on the following Sundays: 18th March, Easter Sunday, 18th November and the 9th December.

Once I have received the enclosed completed form, then, you need to attend to **one** of the following Baptism Preparation meetings, if you are baptizing your child, for the first time. Baptism Preparation meetings take place on every third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm., 15th March, 19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 20th Sept, 18th October, and 15th November 2018.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Raymond Bugeja
(Parish Priest)



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

Please find enclosed a Baptismal Form, for you to complete, and return to St. Paul's Parish, at the address given above.

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Paul's Church, **only** on Sundays at 12.00 pm., outside of mass. The Celebration of Baptism will take around 20 to 25 minutes. **This is the set time, so please be punctual.**

Once I have received the enclosed completed form, then, you need to attend to **one** of the following Baptism Preparation meetings, if you are baptizing your child for the first time. **Baptism Preparation meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm., beginning on 15th Feb, 2018, 15th March, 19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 20th Sept, 18th October, and 15th November 2018.**

Preferably, both godparents are catholic; according to Church Law (Canon Law) at least one godparent has to be a confirmed catholic, if the other godparent is from other Christian denomination. They are not to be less than sixteen years of age.

In the case of parents wishing to baptize their child at St Paul's, but are residing in another parish, **a written approval from the parish priest of the other parish has to be presented with the Baptismal Form.** Church Law states that after six months that a catholic has taken up residence, the parish in that territory becomes his parish; **so a written approval from the parish priest is needed.**

A Certificate of Baptism will be given to the parents after the celebration of Baptism. **A donation of \$100 to the church is greatly appreciated.**

Looking forward to meeting you both,
Yours in Christ,

Fr. Raymond Bugeja
(Parish Priest)

BAPTISMAL FORM

(Write in block letters)

CHILD'S FULL NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH, CITY/SUBURB _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME (Incl. Maiden Name) _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL./ MOB. _____

WE WILL BE ATTENDING THE BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING ON:

GODPARENTS' NAMES:

As the Godparent has the responsibility of helping the child to grow up in the Catholic Faith the Church requires the Godparent to be of the Catholic Faith also.

The Godparent would have completed sixteen years of age.

The parents sign below: We personally believe in Jesus Christ and in the Church that He established and its teachings. We are dedicated to the Christian way of life and wish to share the joy of this faith with our children.

PARENTS SIGNATURE:

_____ **AND** _____

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY:

_____ at **12pm**