



The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading



Your Child's Baptism

What you need to know..



Do not be afraid, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you
by your name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43: 1

What do you ask of the Catholic Church for your child?

If the answer is BAPTISM, then you are asking that your child be welcomed as a full member of the Catholic Church.

What does the Church ask of you?

That you accept the responsibility of bringing up your son or daughter in the practice of the Catholic faith.

When do baptisms take place?

In this parish baptisms are held at St James Church on Forbury Road at 3pm on the first Sunday of each month except during Lent. It is also possible to have your child baptised during one of our parish Sunday masses on the first Sunday of the month. Numbers are restricted to 2 families during mass and up to 8 in the afternoon.

What preparation does the parish offer?

We run a preparation programme over two evenings at St William of York Church on Upper Redlands Road every month except during Lent. This is an opportunity to:

- Meet other likeminded parents,
- Discuss your faith,
- Deepen your understanding of the sacrament of baptism,
- Learn about what happens at a baptism and what you will be asked to do,
- Share ideas of how to help bring up your child in the Catholic faith.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are expected to attend the programme.

What should I do now?

To register your interest, please ring the parish office on 0118 957 4171 to: Meet with the priest and book a place on the baptism preparation programme.

When you meet with him a provisional date for your child's baptism can be set. You will receive more information about the programme and have an opportunity to discuss with him any questions you may have about your child's baptism.

Please note that failure to complete the baptism preparation programme may result in you needing to book another day for your child's baptism.

If you are not a parishioner we do require the written permission of your parish priest for your child's baptism to take place here.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1: 9-11