

**Goldfields Catholic Community**

Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Coolgardie, Kambalda, Norseman, Southern Cross

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BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM**Candidate**** attach copy of Birth Certificate*

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| Surname | | |
| Given Name(s) | | |
| Date of Birth | | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Place of Birth | | |

Parents

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| | Father | Mother |
| Full Name | | |
| | | Maiden Name: |
| Address | | |
| Contact Number | | |
| Email Address | | |
| Religion | | |
| Baptised? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Godparents or Christian Witnesses*at least one of whom must be Catholic, over 16 years old, and confirmed*

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| Full Name(s) | Religion |
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Preference for Baptismal Ceremony*subject to availability*

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| Church | Date | Time |
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Consent

Father

Mother

dated:

Helpful Information

Selecting Godparents

Choosing a godparent for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. This is the person who, together with you, will present your child for baptism and will promise to accompany the child in the Christian way of life, most especially with their own witness of faith and prayer. Thus, the Church's requirement is that **at least one of those whom you nominate must be Catholic, over 16 years of age, and confirmed**. Canon Law envisions one male godparent or one female godparent or one of each. We understand that there might be cultural or other reasons for you to nominate a greater number of people. Please note, however, that while the number of people who participate at the baptismal ceremony as godparents may be as many as you wish, **a maximum of four persons will be recorded** on the Baptism Certificate and Parish Records.

Baptism Candle and White Garment

Please bring along a Baptism Candle and a White Garment (for the child being baptised) to the ceremony. These need not be elaborate or expensive. You could choose to purchase the baptismal candle from the Parish Piety Shop, shops selling religious articles, or design your own. The white garment may take the form of a white christening gown for a baby, a white dress for a girl, a white shirt for a boy, or a white shawl that is placed on the child during the ceremony.

Making an Offering

We believe that the Sacraments of our tradition are God's gifts, freely given, without charge. You do not pay a fee for your child to be baptised. It is customary, however, for the parents of the child being baptised to make an offering—most often a monetary donation—to the Priest or Deacon following the baptism, and you are welcome to do so. You may also consider contributing towards the upkeep of the Church.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

It is expected that at least one parent will attend a Preparation Meeting, but you are both most welcome to attend and to also invite the godparents. After you have settled on a date, completed this form, and attached a copy of the child's birth certificate, please email them to **kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au** or drop them off at the Parish Office, **15 Porter Street, Kalgoorlie**. We will then get back to you with available meeting times.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application Received | Date | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of Birth Certificate Received | Date | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Booking Confirmed | Date | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptism Preparation Meeting attended | Date | _____ | Signed _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptism | Celebrant | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptism Registered | Date | _____ | Signed _____ |