

Baptism (Christening) Booking Form

Child

First name	
Middle name(s)	
Surname	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Have they had a sibling baptised here?	
If yes, what is/are their name/s?	

Parents

	Parent 1	Parent 2
Title		
First name		
Surname		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Email*		
Primary phone number		
Secondary phone number		
Occupation		
Are you baptised?¹		
Are you confirmed?¹		
Are you on the St James & Emmanuel Electoral Roll? *		
Have you attended a Sunday service here six times or more? *		

¹ Parents need not be baptised or confirmed but godparents should be baptised and ideally at least one godparent should also be confirmed, but this requirement is no longer regularly observed.

* If you are not on the St James & Emmanuel Electoral Roll or you have not attended at least six Sunday services then there is nothing to worry about, we'd just like to introduce you to the church here in Didsbury and we will show you how. Please go to the Attendance Card at the very end of this form once you've finished completing all the information below.

Godparents

Canon Law (7th Edition) Section B 23.1 states that "for every child to be baptized there shall be not fewer than three godparents, of whom at least two shall be of the same sex as the child and of whom at least one shall be of the opposite sex; save that, when three cannot conveniently be had, one godfather and godmother shall suffice. Parents may be godparents for their own children provided that the child have at least one other godparent." If parents are also godparents they must be baptised.

	godparent 1	godparent 2
Title		
First name		
Surname		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Email		
Primary phone number		
Are they baptised?¹		
Are they confirmed?²		

	godparent 3	godparent 4
Title		
First name		
Surname		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Email		
Primary phone number		
Are they baptised?¹		
Are they confirmed?²		

If you are unable to provide godparents name at the time of submitting your form then please don't worry, you can add this information closer to the time of your service.

The Service

Baptisms are held during the main 10.30 service on the 1st Sunday of the month in both St James and Emmanuel. There is usually a short waiting list for baptisms and we don't book dates until parents have attended a Celebrating the Gift of a Child evening but it helps us to know in which church you'd like the service and the approximate month.

Church	
Which month and year are you aiming for?	

What to do next...

1. Email this form to the Parish Office on office@stjamesandemmanuel.org or the clergy person who gave you the form.
2. Once you have submitted the form you will be invited to a 'Celebrating the Gift of a Child' evening to learn more about baptism; it's a fascinating and low-key evening with lots of other parents. It's held on a Wednesday evening from 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm in the Parish Centre.
3. Print off the Attendance Form below and bring it with you when you come to church. By coming six times you will get to meet other parents and find out a little bit about the church you are having your child baptised in. (this is obviously not necessary for those on the Electoral Roll or those who already regularly attend). If you don't have a printer you can collect a form from the Parish Office.
4. Don't hesitate to email or phone (0161 446 4151) the Parish Office for any clarification or support.

* We would like to add your email to our weekly 'e-news' list but you can tick here if you'd prefer not to receive this.

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Attendance Form Required	
Date of completion	
Date of CGC evening attended	
Date of Baptism	
Data Entered in Pastoral Services Diary?	

Baptism Attendance Form

Name of Child:

Name of Parent/s:

	Date	Stamp
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Celebrating the Gift of a Child Evening

Date attended:

Host's Signature:

Simply print this form and bring it with you to any of our Sunday services. At the end of the service the Church Wardens will happily 'stamp' the card. Completed Attendance Forms can be given to the clergy or brought/posted to the Parish Office or handed in at the Celebrating a Gift of a Child Evening.