

BAPTISM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 8 YEARS AND UNDER

If you reside in the Caloundra Parish:

1. An initial inquiry is made by contacting the Caloundra OLR Parish Office on 5491 2011.
2. Arrange a follow-up meeting with one of the ministry team. You will need to provide copies of your child's birth certificate, a Catholic parent's baptism certificate, and a Catholic godparent's baptism certificate.
3. Attend a Parents' Formation and Preparation Evening. These are held at 7.00pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Caloundra OLR Church, and conclude by 8.00pm.
4. Attend a welcoming Mass (where your child is welcomed into the community).
5. **If your child is over 4 years of age**, we request that your family attends the 9.30am Sunday Mass several times before you finalise a Baptism date. Your child will participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held each Sunday outside of school holidays. This will enable him/her to become familiar with the church surroundings, the priests, deacon and members of the community and will help to avoid your child being stressed or anxious on the day of his/her baptism. Please introduce yourselves to the priest one Sunday at the 9.30am Mass.
6. Celebrate the Baptism which is held on a Sunday at 11.00am. We usually have a maximum of 4 families or 4-5 children per celebration.

If you reside in another parish:

1. Attend Baptism preparation in your local parish.
2. Provide a letter from your parish priest stating that you have completed preparation and that he is happy for the Baptism to take place in the Caloundra OLR Parish.
3. Contact the Caloundra OLR Parish Office on 5491 2011 to book a date for the Baptism celebration and provide details and copies of certificates to the office staff.