



The Parish of St Mary's Catholic Church at Thetford

Name of Child to be Baptised

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GODPARENT VERIFICATION OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM

PLEASE GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR CATHOLIC GODPARENT(S) TO VERIFY THAT HE/SHE IS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC. PLEASE ENSURE THAT HE/SHE CONTACTS THEIR PARISH PRIEST TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THIS FORM AND RETURNS IT TO THIS PARISH PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GODPARENT(S)

Canon 873 Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.

Canon 874 §1 To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must: Canon 874 §1, 2° have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;

Canon 874 §1, 3° be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

Canon 874 §1, 4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

Canon 874 §1, 5° not be the father or mother of the one to be baptised.

Canon 874 § 2 A baptised person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

GODPARENT(S):

If you choose only ONE SPONSOR you may choose ONE OFFICIAL WITNESS who is a baptised member of a non-Catholic Church but the final number of people nominated as Godparents or Godparent and an Official Witness is not to exceed two.

As the Parish Priest of the above-nominated Sponsor, I verify that he/she is a practising Catholic.

SIGNATURE OF THE SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST:

NAME AND PLACE OF THE PARISH: _____

POST CODE _____

DATED: _____

PARISH SEAL

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE
where the Baptism is to take place