



ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, LEIGH-ON-SEA APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM OF A CHILD

NOTES: Please read through carefully before filling in the form.

- As a **parent** or **Godparent** you should ask yourself:

Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church?

Will you help the child to be regular in public worship and in prayer, not only by your teaching, but also by your example and your prayers?

Will you encourage the child in due time to come to Confirmation and to Holy Communion?

Godparents?

It is usual to have **three** Godparents, **two** of the same sex as the child and **one** of the opposite sex, but to have one Godparent is sufficient.

Parents may be Godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other Godparent.

NB: Church Law requires that **Godparents** should be **baptised and confirmed**, but the requirement of confirmation can be relaxed in certain cases. If you have also chosen family or friends who have not been baptised but would like to publicly declare their wish to support your child, in the service, then they are welcome to do so as **sponsors**.

Which Church for your child's Baptism?

It is preferable that your child is baptised in the church where you normally worship. If you don't live in the parish we will recommend you contact your parish church to give notice of your intention to go elsewhere. You can find your local church by putting your postcode into the search box in A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

At St Clement's we have three options for baptisms:

(A) If you regularly worship at St Clement's or have another connection with the church (and satisfy the requirements above) you may choose to have your child baptised during the **9.30am parish Mass** on the **last** Sunday of the month. The guest list will necessarily have to be limited to no more than 25.

(B) and **(C)** On the other hand, you may choose to take up our other options and have the baptism take place outside of the Mass at a special service of Baptism on the **second** (option **B**) or **third** (option **C**) Sunday of the month. This would allow you to invite more guests (max 100). However, **parents** and **child** will be expected to attend the **9.30am** parish Mass on the **1st Sunday** of that month. This will begin the baptism rites with the first anointing of oil and a welcome from the church family.

Please indicate on the attached form your preferred date and service option.

Baptism Preparation

NB: **All** baptism parties (parents) must attend a short preparation/rehearsal prior to the baptism. This will be arranged with the priest conducting the service.

- Please note, up to two families may bring their children for baptism at any service.

- Please return this form to either St Clement's church in person, for the attention of the Parish Administrator, or by email to saintclementsleigh@outlook.com not less than 1 month before the day of baptism. *Thank-you.*

| Chosen Option for Baptism (please select one) | Date Requested: |
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| A) Last Sunday of the month, at 9.30am Mass: | |
| B) Second Sunday, outside of the Mass: | |
| C) Third Sunday, outside of the Mass: | |

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| Child's Christian name(s): | |
| Child's surname: | |
| Child's date of birth: | |

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| Father's Christian name(s): | |
| Father's surname: | |
| Father's occupation: | |
| Baptised? | |
| Confirmed? | |
| I have read and understood the information in this form. <i>Signed:</i> | |

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| Mother's Christian name(s): | |
| Mother's surname: | |
| Mother's occupation: | |
| Baptised? | |
| Confirmed? | |
| I have read and understood the information in this form. <i>Signed:</i> | |

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| Please tick one of the options below to indicate your connection to St. Clement's Church: | |
| 1) | Live in the parish. To check, go to https://www.achurchnearyou.com/ and put your postcode in the search box. |
| 2) | Other (please explain below): |

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| Address: | | |
| Telephone: | | |
| Mobile: | | |
| Email address: | | |

Godparents

(NB: Godparents must have been baptised, but you may also nominate sponsors)

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| 1) | Name: | |
| | Address: | |
| | Confirm Baptised or Not: | |
| | Confirmed or Not: | |

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| 2) | Name: | |
| | Address: | |
| | Confirm Baptised or Not: | |
| | Confirmed or Not: | |

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| 3) | Name: | |
| | Address: | |
| | Confirm Baptised or Not: | |
| | Confirmed or Not: | |

