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ST JAMES CHURCH

HOLY BAPTISMS AT ST JAMES'



St James' Anglican Church
173 King St Sydney
(opposite Hyde Park Barracks)
For more information visit
www.sjks.org.au
or call 8227 1300

APPLICATION FORM 2016

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

BAPTISMS AT ST JAMES'

Baptism is available to all who seek to follow the way of Jesus. It is one of the two great sacraments of the church (the other is the Eucharist, which is available to all the baptised). Anyone who wants to join the Christian church must be baptised.

ADULTS

At St James', as in other Christian churches, it is usual for adults to spend some time worshipping, talking to clergy and parishioners as well as reading and praying before being baptised.

INFANTS

Baptism is not a naming ceremony. It is an affirmation by everyone involved of their Christian faith and, in the case of infants, an undertaking to bring them up in the Christian faith.

ON THE DAY

Baptism at St James' is usually during a Sunday Eucharist, at 9.00am. This is a very appropriate setting for baptism. The presence of many other Christians reminds us that in being baptised, one is joining the church. Private baptisms are still done from time to time as well, although it is the tradition of the church that no baptisms will be carried out during Lent between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday.

During the course of the baptism those participating affirm their faith in God as expressed in the Christian Trinity:

- Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of everything?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, our redeemer?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the life and truth giver?

At St James', the tradition of handing a lighted candle to the baptised is carried on. This practice reminds us that the baptised person is now a follower of Jesus, whom the Bible calls of the Light of the World.

The particulars on this form are required for the completion of the baptismal register and the production of certificates.

A separate application form needs to be completed for each candidate.

DETAILS OF CANDIDATE: Please print clearly

Christian names of the candidate _____

Surname _____ Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Proposed date and time of baptism _____

Preferred officiant (if any) _____

PROPOSED GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Godparents must be baptized Christians. Traditionally, children have three godparents, two being of the same sex as the child.

Sponsors present adult baptismal candidates, and they ought to be baptized Christians. It is the normal custom for adult baptismal candidates to have one sponsor.

	Godparent 1	Godparent 2	Godparent 3
Christian names			
Surname			
Date of birth			
Denomination			
Baptized (<i>place & date</i>)			
Confirmed (<i>place & date</i>)			

DETAILS OF PARENTS (If candidate is under 18 years old)

Father	Mother
Christian names	
Surname	
Date of birth	
Denomination	
Baptized (<i>place & date</i>)	
Confirmed (<i>place & date</i>)	
Occupation	

CONTACT DETAILS

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Approximate number of guests expected at service _____

OTHER CHILDREN (If candidate is under 18 years old)

Name(s)	
DOB	
Denomination	
Baptized (<i>date</i>)	
Confirmed (<i>date</i>)	

DECLARATION: Please read and sign

I/We apply for Christian baptism for our child, and promise that to the best of my/our ability, to provide teaching, a good example and encouragement to give him/her a Christian upbringing in the family of the Church.

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

Date

OR

I apply for Christian baptism for myself and promise that to the best of my ability, I will remain an active member of the Church.

Applicant

Date

CRYPT FUNCTION HIRE (Saturdays only)

The crypt area under the church can be hired for your post-baptism function (only available for Saturday baptisms). The basic venue hire cost is \$350 (incl. GST) for a self-catered function including the use of the kitchen.

Please tick if you would like to hire the crypt.

PAYMENT

For use of the crypt area or to make a donation to St James':

Direct deposits may be made to our bank account as follows:

Account name: The Churchwardens of St James' Church General Account.
BSB: 032 007. Account No. 250025.

(Please use your surname as the reference)

OR

Enclose a cheque payable to 'St James' Church' for \$ _____

OR

Please debit my Visa Mastercard for \$ _____

Card No. _____

Name on card: _____ Expiry date: ____/____

Signature of cardholder

CONTACT US

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The Reverend Fr Andrew Sempell Rector

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