

**PARISHES OF GREAT TORRINGTON, LITTLE TORRINGTON  
AND FRITHELSTOCK**

**Holy Baptism of an Infant**

By Baptism or Christening a person is made a member of the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Before any one is baptized he must renounce the devil and profess the Christian Faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed.

Candidates who are old enough speak for themselves, but the Church allows the Baptism of young children of Christian parents, but only on the **strict understanding** that they will be taught the Christian faith, taken (not sent) regularly to worship God in church, and in due course brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

If you do not intend to carry out these obligations, please do not ask for Baptism for your child.

A child must be sponsored at Baptism by at least three godparents, who must themselves be **baptized and confirmed**.

Parents may be godparents to their own children.

At the Baptism the godparents will renounce the devil and affirm the Christian faith **on behalf of** the child, so it is of vital importance to choose suitable godparents who are willing and able to make the assurances required of them.

If you do not live in the parish, please will you obtain the **written** consent of your Parish Priest for the Baptism to take place here.

Please fill in and return the lower part of this paper, together with those for the godparents.



Child's Christian Name	Parents' Names		Address	Trade or Profession
	Christian	Surname		

Child's date of birth .....

Where were you baptized (Father)? .....

Where were you baptized (Mother)? .....

Where were you confirmed (Father)? .....

Where were you confirmed (Mother)? .....

How often do you attend church services? .....

At which church? .....

Baptism requested on (date) ..... At (time) .....