



*Parish of*  
**Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Cambridge  
and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sawston**

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**SUITABILITY REFERENCE FOR GODPARENTS**

Dear prospective Godparent,

Thank you for agreeing to be a Godparent to \_\_\_\_\_

**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** 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** 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.

4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

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.

I would ask that you take this form to your Parish Priest and ask him to affirm your suitability to undertake this most responsible of roles in the life of your Godchild. Please fill in your name, address and telephone number as indicated below, to lessen the burden for your Parish Priest. Please note you should not leave this document to the last minute as you may need to make an appointment to see the Parish Priest during his office hours.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Revd Monsignor EUGÈNE Canon HARKNESS  
RECTOR

**GODPARENT'S REFERENCE**

Dear Reverend Father,

I would be grateful for your support in providing this reference for your parishioner

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone or Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy to confirm that the above named person is a member of this Parish and attends our Sunday Mass

Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly / Occasionally / Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Priest

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

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