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ENFIELD RATHMOLYON PARISH

BAPTISM INFORMATION



Dear Parent(s).

Congratulations on the birth of your baby. The parish community wishes your family health and happiness. Baptisms are joyful occasions in our parish. If you wish to have your child baptised, please read the attached guidelines.

BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE ON

Saturday afternoons at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church, Rathmolyon &
Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm in the Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown.
Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown.

The guidelines below will hopefully assist in your preparations and understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

FIRST STEP OF INITIATION INTO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Baptism is not about getting your child blessed. Baptism is primarily about welcoming your child into the Christian family and beginning the process of initiation of your child into the Roman Catholic Church. It is your faith that is bringing your child to Baptism. Therefore, if you no longer feel you would like to be an active member of the Roman Catholic Church you should not have your child baptized. You should not be pressurized by grandparents or other family members into having your child baptized. You will still be welcome to baptize your child in future years if you change your mind.

PARENTS FAITH

By Baptising your child, you are taking on the task of passing on the Christian faith and Roman Catholic traditions to your child. It is not the responsibility of the school or anyone else to pass on faith to them; it will be your responsibility (but the parish will be here to help when you need). You will publicly promise to do this during the baptismal ceremony. So, it is important that you are open to growing in your faith so as you can bring your son/daughter up in the Christian Faith. In practical terms this means attending Sunday Mass, being actively involved in the parish (no matter how small), continuing to learn about your faith and to develop it, and contributing to the parish finances throughout the year (no matter how small). Please contact the Parish if you would like to set up a standing order

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

Saturday Evening Mass

6.30pm in the Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown

8.00pm in St Michael's Church, Rathmolyon.

Sunday Mass

10.00am St Michael's Church, Rathmolyon

11.30am Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown.

All are welcome.

GOD PARENTS

For the Baptismal ceremony you will need to choose God Parents. Godparents have an important role. They must support you and your child in the faith. Therefore, they themselves must be Roman Catholics, attend Mass regularly, be strong in faith and be good role models. They must be over 16 years old, be baptized and confirmed. When they take on the role as Godparents it is expected that they play a role in your family and an active role in assisting you to pass on the faith to your child. Therefore it makes no sense if God parents live in a different country. However we understand that baptism is an opportunity of strengthening bonds with family members who have moved abroad and if it is a strong desire of parents that a relative living abroad be a God Parent there is space for a third Godparent.

BAPTISMAL NAME

The Church simply asks parents and godparents to choose a name that fits well with Christian values. That usually means giving the child at least one name that comes from a saint, so they have a holy example to look up to as they grow.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOME

The home should be a place where they are reminded of God and helped to pray by what they see around them. Religion and faith begin at home. Parents are the first religion teachers and the most important of all teachers of religion.

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WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY

- A white shawl/blanket which your child will be wrapped in during the ceremony.
- A baptismal candle (each of your children should have their own candle)
- 2 Godparents

Each ceremony will have no more than 2 children to be baptized. Out of consideration for the other family please arrive on time.

PARISH INFORMATION

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH

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THIS FORM MUST BE DROPPED INTO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS WEDNESDAY -FRIDAY 9.00AM-1PM. EMAILED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BOOKING FORM

Child's Christian Name _____

(as per Birth Certificate)

Child's Surname _____

(as per Birth Certificate)

Baptismal Name _____

*The Church asks parents and godparents to ensure that the child's name is not "foreign to Christian sentiment" (Canon 855). At least one name **must** be the name of a Saint.*

Childs Gender Male Female

Date of Birth _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Mother's Address _____

Mothers Phone Number _____

Mother's Email _____

Religion Roman Catholic Other

Father's Name _____

Father's Address _____

Father's Phone Number _____

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Godparents

Only one Godparent is required and may be either male or female. Where there are two godparents, one must be male(godfather) and the other female(godmother) (Canon 872 - 873).

A godparent must be

- *Not less than 16 years of age*
- *A Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.*
- *Living "a life of faith which fits the role to be undertaken" (Canon 874)*

Name of Godparents 1. _____
2. _____

During the Baptism ceremony, the godparents will be asked whether they are willing to undertake the responsibilities of godparents, namely to support and encourage the parents in handing on the Christian faith to the child. They will also be asked to make a public profession of their Christian faith.

I understand and I confirm that the godparent(s) are over 16 years of age and good Catholic(s)

I understand

The duties and responsibilities of godparents are as follows:

- Be an example of what it means to live the Christian life.
- Help the child grow in the Christian faith.
- Encourage the child to pray and to practice the Christian faith.
- Help the child as he/she prepares for other Sacraments.
- Pray for the child

A person who is unable or unwilling to undertake these commitments should not be considered for the role of godparent, as this would deprive the child of an important source of spiritual guidance, support, and encouragement.

I / We agree

Proposed Date of Baptism _____

I understand that in asking to have my child baptised, I am assuming a responsibility to bring my child up in the practice of Christian of Christian faith, and to help my child participate in the life of the Church through prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments.

Church

Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown

St Michael's Church, Rathmolyon

Priest who will baptise your child _____

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We Confirm that the above details match those on the State Birth Certificate

Signed:

Father of Child _____

Mother of Child _____

- I understand that the information provided on this request form will be used for the registration of my/ our child's Baptism and will be retained thereafter by the Parish for its own purposes only, and may be used in the future to contact me/us in relation to other Parish matters (First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Parish information)
- The Parish GDPR policy is available on <https://www.enfieldrathmolyonparish@gmail.com>

I / We accept the GDPR policy for Enfield Rathmolyon Parish

Signed _____

Signed _____

I /We also agree to come to the Parish office (Wednesday -Friday 9.00am-1pm) to provide a copy of the original birth certificate, to submit this form and to confirm the date of Baptism.

I / We agree _____

Date of competition _____

Signature (s)

Mother

Father

Would you as a family be interested in supporting the Parish and all its Pastoral Activities through the monthly envelopes or standing order Yes No

If you want to arrange collection of the Baptismal Certificate, please download the form on the website and send it to the parish office and ring the office in advance and arrange collection. You will be asked to produce identification on collection.

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