

## **BAPTISM**

Baptism establishes a bond between your child and God and thereby links your child with all others who are his followers. We understand that Baptism initiates your child into the Community of Believers who follows Jesus Christ; that community on the local level is the Parish Church Community.

Your request for lawful Baptism implies that as parents, you wish for your child to be raised believing and living the values of the Christian Community called the Catholic Church which says: "It is required that there is a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Religion. If such hope is truly lacking the Baptism is to be deferred and the parents advised of the reason for this".

As members of the church we believe all that Christ taught us and we wish to pass onto our children the faith that is ours, and so we will try to set an example of true Catholic living. We know that the church encourages parents to promote prayer at home and obliges them to attend Mass on Sundays as an integral part of their Catholic lifestyle.

Baptism is the first step in a lifetime of faith and that in due time your child will mature through the reception of the other sacraments - Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptism is held in our Parish on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month for babies and children under sacramental age (7).

The ceremony commences at 11.30am. The Parents and Godparents must be here by 11.20am.

The parents must attend an information night which is held on the first Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm in the parish meeting room. It will last about 1 hour. This is the time to ask any questions you may have about your child's Baptism.

The babies must be dressed in white.

Please bring your own Baptismal candle.

One of the Godparents must be a Catholic.

It is customary to give a donation to the Priest for your child's Baptism.

