

DATES FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION

September 2014—July 2015

Preparation Sessions Sunday after 9.15am Mass or 3.45pm before 5pm Mass	Rite of Welcome @ Sunday Mass 9.15am or 5pm	Baptism Sundays 9.15am, 11am or 5pm Mass, or 2pm
7/14/21/28 September 3.45pm	21 September	5 October
5*/12*/19*/26 October 9.15am	19 October 9.15am	2 November
2/9/16/23 November 3.45pm	16 November	30 November* No Baptism 9.15am Mass
4/11/18/25 January 2014 9.15am	18 January 9.15am	1 st February * No Baptism 9.15am Mass
1*/8*/15/22 February 9.15am	15 February 9.15am	1 March * No Baptism 9.15am Mass
1/8/15/22 March 3.45pm	15 March 5pm	EASTER SUNDAY 5 April
12/19/26 April /3 May 9.15am	26 April 9.15am	10 May *No Baptism 11am Mass
10/17/24/31 May 3.45pm	24 May 5pm	7 June
7/14/21/28 June 9.15am	21 June 9.15am	5 July
5/12/19/26 July 9.15am	19 July 9.15am	2 August



Preparing
 for
 Your Child's
 Baptism
 at
 St. Joseph's
 Catholic Church
 Bromley

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We want your child's baptism to be a time of joy and celebration for you and the whole parish community. Naturally, you want the best for your child, and we do too.

"Parents you have asked to have your children baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up in the knowledge and love of God and in the practice of the faith."

RITE OF BAPTISM



Preparing for baptism:

If you are a practising Catholic and want to celebrate the sacrament of baptism please contact one of the priests during a Surgery Time* in St. Joseph's Presbytery and ask for an application form. You will then be enrolled for the next available baptism preparation course. Baptism preparation takes place nine times a year.



"The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy"

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Godparents: Support you and your child on your journey of faith.

This means that the Godparents you choose for your child should be practising Catholics.

Christian Marriage:

For parents who are not already married, or not married in the Catholic Church, a **meeting with the priest** to discuss your marital status is **essential** prior to enrolling. A session with the priest to discuss, and consider, the value of Christian marriage is also a necessary requirement.

**Times of Surgery can be found on the parish newsletter*

The shape of our baptism course:

Preparing Together

You will take part in a series of 4 sessions leading to the Celebration of Baptism.

Session 1: Introduction - offer of a House Blessing

Session 2: A tour of the Church and the importance of Welcome and the Role of Godparents

Session 3: What We Believe we are passing on to our children

Session 4: The Ritual and Symbols of Baptism

Session will begin after **9.15am Mass on Sunday Morning** or at **3.45pm** on a **Sunday afternoon** followed by the celebration of **Sunday Mass at 5pm**

Rite of Welcome in Church

Your child and your family are welcomed at **9.15am Mass** before **session 3** or at **5pm Mass after session 3** by the whole Christian community. Your child is signed with the sign of the cross and anointed

We Celebrate Baptism in Church

We gather with all of God's People at the Sunday Eucharist to celebrate the Baptism of your child into our community



"As you have been enlightened by Christ, so may you always walk as children of light. May you keep the flame of faith alive."

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