

DATES FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION

September 2016—August 2017

Preparation Sessions Sunday after 9.15am Mass or 3.45pm before 5pm Mass	Rite of Welcome during Sunday Mass 9.15am or 5pm	Baptism Sundays 9.15am, 11am or 5pm Mass, or 2pm
4/11/18/25 September 9.15am	18 September 9.15am	2 October No Baptism 9.15am Mass
2/9/16/23 October 3.45pm	16 October 5pm	30 October
30 th October 6*/13*/20* November 9.15am	13 November 9.15am	27 November No Baptism 9.15am Mass
8/15/22*/29* January 2017 9.15am	22 January 9.15am	5 February No Baptism 9.15am Mass
5*/12/19/26* February 9.15am	19 February 9.15am	5 March
5*/12*/19/26 March 9.15am	19 March 9.15am	16 April EASTER SUNDAY
7/14/21/28 May 3.45pm	21 May 5pm	4 June
4/11/18/25 June 9.15am	18 June 9.15am	2 July
2/9/16/23 July 9.15am	16 July 5pm	30 July
30 July/6/13/20 August 9.15am	13 August 9.15am	27 August



Preparing for
your child's
Baptism
at
St. Joseph's
and
St Swithun'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 who have been Confirmed and are over the age of 16.

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 – the 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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