

<b>Preparation Sessions Saturday 8.45am Sunday 10.30am or 3.45pm St. Joseph's Upper Room or Skip Appleton Room</b>	<b>Rite of Welcome During Mass Saturday 10am Sunday 9.15am or 5pm</b>	<b>Baptism Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month 11am or 5pm Mass or 2pm</b>
6/13/20/27 September 3.45pm	20 September 5.00pm Mass	4 October
Saturdays 3/10/17/24 October 8.45pm	17 October 10am Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> November
1/8/15/22 November 10.30am	15 November 9.15am Mass	6 December & 3 January
3/10/17/24 January 2021 10.30am	17 January 9.15am Mass	7 February
7/14/21/28 February 3.45pm	21 February 5.00pm Mass	4 April Easter Sunday
Saturdays 6/13/20/27 March 8.45am	20 March 10am Mass	4 April Easter Sunday & 2 May
2/9/16/23 May 10.30am	16 May 9.15am Mass	6 June
6/13/20/27 June 10.30am	20 June 9.15am Mass	4 July
4/11/18/25 July 10.30am	18 July 9.15am Mass	1 August
1/8/15/22 August 10.30am	15 August 9.15am Mass	5 September



Preparing for  
your child's  
Baptism  
at  
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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."

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## 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 in the Parish Newsletter or on the Parish Website*

## 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.

**Saturday Session** will begin at **8.45am** before **10am Mass**. **Sunday Sessions - Morning** After **9.15am Mass** or at **3.45pm Sunday afternoon** followed by the celebration of **Sunday Mass at 5pm.**

## Rite of Welcome in Church

Your child and your family are Welcomed by the whole Christian community as part of **Session 3 at 10am Mass on Saturday. Sundays during 9.15am Mass before session 3 or at 5pm Mass after session 3.** 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 parish 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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