

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

at **ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, 59 Newton Rd Newton 5074**

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS

USUAL TIMES FOR BAPTISMS: Baptisms are usually celebrated on **Saturday at 4.00pm** & **Sunday at 12.30pm OR 1.15 pm** (depending on availability of the Priest and the Church)

Please contact the Parish Office between 10am – 4pm to make a booking

BE ON TIME: Please remind people to be on time - otherwise it may inconvenience others.

SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM: All sponsors for Baptism, according to Canon Law 874, must be Confirmed Catholics, who have received Holy Communion and show that they live a life of faith. Sponsors should be not less than 16 years of age. A father or mother of the child cannot be a Sponsor. Only one Sponsor is necessary but two are allowed. A non-Catholic person cannot be a Sponsor, they can only be an official Witness to the Baptism if there is a Catholic Sponsor present.

REGISTRATION: Requirement for registering you child's Baptism:

Baptism papers can either be collected or sent via email for parents to complete at the time of booking the Baptism. You will be required to complete the first two pages and ensure that it is signed by both parents, necessary for the Baptismal Register and to secure your booking. Also you will receive the Request Form for Godparents Form, which needs to be submitted at the Instruction session (see notes below). If you would like to a copy of Baptism Information Booklet 'Your baby's baptism' it is available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$6.00.

INSTRUCTION: Requirements for preparation for your child's Baptism:

FOR PARENTS AND ALL GODPARENTS:

A one hour '**Baptism Instruction**' session for both parents and Godparents (no children please). This is held in the Bishop Kennedy Room of the Church (enter at the front of the Church and proceed upstairs). The date and time for this Instruction will be given to you prior to the Baptism. The completed Request Form for Godparents should be signed by the Godparents and returned at the Baptism Instruction.

BAPTISMAL ROBE, BIB & CANDLE

These are suggested and memorable gifts from the Godparents. The Candle may be purchased from Christian Supplies at Findon. The Baptismal Robe & Bib should be white and is available from most babywear shops.

OFFERING: It is a customary Catholic practice to give an offering of money to the Priest. This offering should be by cash only as cheques and cards are not accepted. This can be made when you return your signed Registration forms at the Parish Office before the Baptism.

Minimum recommended by the Archbishop's Office is \$100.