

Baptisms at St Joseph's Enfield

WHO MAY BE BAPTISED AT ST. JOSEPH'S?

St. Joseph's parish welcomes families who wish to have their child baptised. It is always preferable to have the baptism at your local parish, however we understand that there might be reasons why families choose St Joseph's.

For a child to be baptised at least one parent must be baptised Catholic so there is some confidence that a child will be brought up in the Catholic faith.

If a child is over the age of 7 years, he or she must participate in special catechesis, or faith education. This can be arranged by the Parish Priest.

Baptisms currently take place at St Joseph's every **second and fourth Sunday of each calendar month at 12 noon.**

A godmother and/or a godfather is chosen and must be baptised Catholic (over the age of 16yrs, Confirmed and having received their Reconciliation and Holy Communion). However, another baptised Christian may also serve at a baptism as a witness.

You will need a baptismal candle and a white garment to celebrate your child's baptism.

The Parish asks families seeking to have a child baptised here to attend a short Baptismal Preparation Program, **usually held on the Thursday evening before the Baptism weekend at 7pm.**

PROCESS

Families should firstly ring the Parish Office on 9747 4884 to check availability of a mutually convenient date for the baptism. Following this, **download print and complete the application form and return it to the parish office with a church offering to secure your booking during parish office hours.**

Families are asked to make a donation for the Baptism. This donation does not go to the priest himself, but rather goes to a fund that looks after the needs of all the priests in the whole archdiocese.