

Baptisms at ST Joseph's ENFIELD

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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, she or he must participate in special catechesis, or faith education. This can be arranged by the Parish Priest.

Baptisms currently take place at St Joseph's on Sundays at 12 noon.. The availability of a Sunday will depend on whether there are other things happening in the Church (eg. weddings).

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

The Parish asks families seeking to have a child baptised here to attend a short Baptismal Preparation Program, usually held on a Saturday. This is run by Parish catechists and one of the priests of the Parish.

PROCESS

Families should firstly ring the Parish Office on 9747 4884 to check availability of a mutually convenient date for the baptism. Following this, an online application form is available on the Parish website: it can be completed online, saved to a personal computer and then emailed to the Parish Office.

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. An envelope for this purpose will be provided at the Baptism preparation session.