



## 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 at 12 noon. There will be no baptisms on Divine Mercy Sunday as the church is booked all day.***

***Baptisms with another Celebrant Priest of your choice, every first and third Sunday at 12 noon only. Please understand that the parish is extremely busy with wedding bookings which occur on Saturdays at 11:30am, 2pm, and Sundays at 1:30pm. We accommodate all baptisms with other Celebrant Priests of your choice on the first and third Sunday at 12 noon (If available).***

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 enrolment day or 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 your church offering and celebrant offering to secure your booking during parish office hours only.