

# PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART

## BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM

Baptism is the first of the seven Sacraments of the Church. It is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church as “*the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission*”. What an extraordinary GIFT of God we receive in Baptism! It’s also clear in these words that it can never be a private commitment but always a PUBLIC commitment to following Jesus Christ, as a member of the Church.

For this reason it is essential that parents and godparents are concerned to ensure baptised children are brought up in the *practice of their faith*. This means participating in the life of the parish community, especially in attending Sunday Mass. This is the moment in the week where we gather to celebrate that Christ is Alive and Risen from the dead. Baptism is a sharing in the life of the Risen Lord.

There are designated dates for: [1] the **Preparation Class (important both parents attend)**; [2] the **Baptism Service**; [3] the **Welcome by the Parish** - presentation of Baptism Certificate at the Sunday Mass you normally attend. *Please note that we celebrate Communal Baptism Services, normally involving more than one child / family.*

On the attached form please indicate your 3 dates. They do not need to be in the same month but must be in order i.e. Preparation – Baptism - Welcome.

At least one **Godparent** must be a **Confirmed adult practising Catholic**. Others may be adult Christians of another denomination. These act as “Christian Witnesses”. The **recommended number** of Godparents / Christian Witnesses is 1 Godmother + 1 Godfather.

There is no charge for celebrating Baptism. However, a suggested **donation** of £50 can be made to the priest. Guests are also invited, if they wish, to contribute towards the upkeep of the church via a donation basket left at the back of the church.

We are delighted to welcome new members of the Church through this wonderful Sacrament and look forward to getting to know you and your children as you become involved more and more in the life of the parish.

God bless you,

*Fr Kevin*

[Parish Priest]

**PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP THIS LETTER FOR YOUR REFERENCE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT 39 NORTON ROAD OR EMAIL [sacredheart@dbnet.org](mailto:sacredheart@dbnet.org) YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED TO CONFIRM ALL NECESSARY DETAILS.**

# BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM

**PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS & RETURN FORM TO PARISH OFFICE**

Full name of child .....

Date of Birth .....

Father's name ..... Religion .....

Mother's name .....

Nee ..... Religion .....

Godparents: At least **one Godparent** must be a **Confirmed practising Catholic**. Please **confirm** which Godparent is Catholic. Please confirm in brackets by their name, which one is a practicing Catholic. Others may be Christians of another denomination:

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Is the Church of the Sacred Heart your Place of Worship?.....

Your Address: .....

Best contact Tel No. ....

Email .....

Which Sunday Mass do you normally attend? .....

Please give your preferred date in each of the 3 columns. You can choose dates from any month as long as the correct sequence is maintained i.e. **Preparation Class - Baptism Service - Welcome by the Parish\***.

	<b>PREPARATION CLASS</b> Saturday 10-11am in Presbytery*	<b>BAPTISM SERVICE</b> 1pm on Sunday	<b>WELCOME BY THE PARISH</b> A weekend Mass **please indicate Mass time
<b>OCTOBER 2016</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>DECEMBER 2016</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>APRIL 2017</b>	-	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-
<b>MAY 2017</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>JUNE 2017</b>	-	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>JULY 2017</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>

\* Please ring the bell at 39 Norton Road (Presbytery) on arrival

\*\* Please indicate which Mass you will be attending to be welcomed by the Parish

*Completed by Parish Office:  
 CELEBRATED YES / NO*