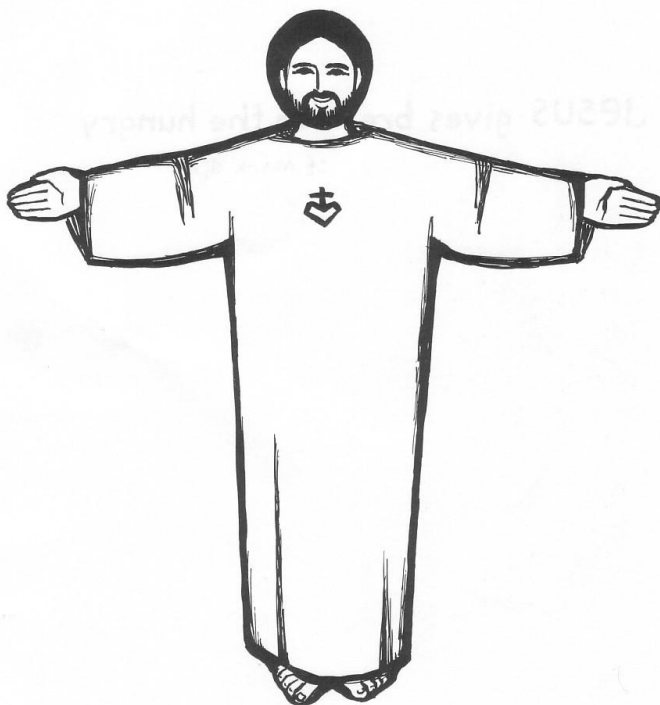


Baptism at St. Sebastian's Church



**It's great that you are having your
child baptised.
You are very welcome here.**

Passing on your faith to your child is one of the
greatest gifts that you can give them.
Baptism at St. Sebastian's welcomes your child
into the Christian family
in the Roman Catholic Church.

Here are the answers to some commonly asked questions.

God-parents

- When children are baptised they are too young to commit to being Christians themselves. The parents of the child promise to bring him or her up to know about Jesus and their faith. Godparents promise to help the parents carry out this duty in any way they can, largely by setting a good example for the children to follow.
- At least one of the God-parents must be a Roman Catholic. All must be baptised Christians.
- There may be from one to four God-parents.



When?

- Baptisms are celebrated at St. Sebastian's after the 10 am Sunday Mass so they normally begin at 11.15am and the service lasts about half an hour.
- You can choose the Sunday you have your child baptized after you have attended the baptism preparation evening. Make sure you speak to Fr. Mark at the end of the meeting and get the date you would like in the diary.
- No more than three or four children are baptised at one time.

Is there a fee?

- There is no fee. A basket will be left at the back of the Church for baptismal offerings. Please support your Church as generously as you can. We depend on what people give us to keep the Church going.

Baptism is only the beginning.

- Please think about enrolling your child in St. Sebastian's school where they will learn more about their faith and will be educated in a caring and Christian environment.
- Please bring your child to Mass so that they can grow up knowing that God loves them and that they are part of the Catholic family.
- Mass is at 6.30pm on Saturday evening and 10am on Sunday morning.

- Make sure that your home has a book of Bible stories that your child can look at as they learn to read. Teach them to say their prayers.
- Baptism is only the beginning of a journey. It is the first of the Sacraments to be received. We hope that your child will also choose to make their First Holy Communion, First Confession and Confirmation while they are at school.

If you would like to know more about taking part in the Mass, learning about your faith, becoming a Catholic or getting married in Church please talk to Fr. Mark who will be very happy to answer your questions and help in any way he can.



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