



Parish of St. Edward the Confessor

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BAPTISMAL PROTOCOL

Dear Parents

Thank you for choosing St. Edward's Parish for the Baptism of your child. We are providing some important information for you that will assist you in your preparation.

We are available in the parish office if you have any further questions.

- **CRITERIA FOR BAPTISM:** The request for the Baptism should come from the parents of the child to be Baptised. We require the permission of both parents for the Baptism of a child.
- **BOOK EARLY:** Father Francis Fernades has requested that the number of Baptisms celebrated each occasion be restricted. So it is important to register early.
- **BAPTISM DATES:** The Sacrament of Baptism is held **outside the Mass on Sundays at 10:30am**. If there are other circumstances that you cannot attend for this time, please consult Fr Francis.
- **PUNCTUALITY:** Often there is more than one baptism each occasion. It is important to be in the church at least 10 or 15 minutes in advance.
- **GODPARENTS:** The role of the godparent is to support the parents and the child in their duty as Christian parents. There is a requirement that at least one godparent be Catholic. If necessary, you might have a second godparent who is not Catholic if he/she is Baptised in their own Christian faith (non-Christians/no religion person cannot be a Godparent). All godparents must be 18 years old or over.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:** Parent/parents need to book an appointment through the office for a meeting with the priest. This is a mandatory requirement.

Baptismal preparation and completion of paperwork is done in this meeting. Please ensure you bring a copy of the **child's birth certificate** along with any other **family law matters** when you attend the interview.

- **BAPTISMAL CANDLE** – You will require one white candle for the candidate. If you have a special candle that can also be used.

Thank you.