

+ ENROLLING BABIES FOR BAPTISM

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION RATHFARNHAM

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The priests of the parish and the members of the Baptism Team congratulate you on the birth of your child, and on your decision of giving your child the privilege of becoming a member of the Christian Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

To enrol your child for the sacrament of Baptism please call to the Parish Secretary at the Parish Office in Parish Pastoral Centre or telephone the office at 01- 4958695

BAPTISM CEREMONY TAKES PLACE ON THE 1st and 3rd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3.30pm.

A meeting of parents and godparents with two members of the Baptism Team takes place on the Thursday night before Baptism at 8.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Through your attendance at this meeting, it is hoped that you will have a better understanding of the meaning and symbolism of the sacrament.

GODPARENTS In choosing godparents, parents should be aware while strictly speaking it is only required to have one Godparent; it is preferable to have two. Godparents must themselves have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Where two Godparents are chosen, one must be male and the other female.

In choosing a Godparent, please choose someone who is living their Christian commitment and is willing to have an active role in your child's life.

“In infant baptism the Godparent (or Godparents if there are two) is the link between the child and parents on the one hand and the wider Christian community on the other. This is meant to set up a genuine spiritual relationship between the child and Godparent and to be, more than just an honour, a source of strength, support and encouragement to the parents in bringing up their child. This can only happen if the people who stand as godparents know what they stand for – i.e. if they are themselves committed Christians” (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Parents of babies for Baptism are required to supply a Birth Certificate. This is necessary so that the child's name on the State Register of Births and the Parish Baptismal Register are the same.

If you are unable to proceed with the Baptism of your baby, please inform the Parish Secretary as soon as possible.