

St Canice's / St Margaret's Catholic Parish Community

Parish Baptism Information Sheet

Baptism of a child is a great cause for celebration in the life of families and for our parish as we come together to welcome a new member. We look forward to being enriched by the presence of your newly baptised baby, as you proactively continue to participate in our parish community.

If you are practicing your faith and registered in our parish and would like to arrange a baptism for your child please complete fully the application form on page 2. If you are living outside of our parish please celebrate the baptism with your own local church community in the parish where you live.

Baptisms take place (mostly) on the **2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday** of each month after noon mass.

To register your baptism please call to the parish office with a copy of the application form and administration fee.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: Our parish preparation for baptism involves parents attending two meetings. The sacrament and ceremony of baptism is explored at both meetings. It is recommended that both parents attend both meetings. Parents are given an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

When? **1st Meeting** - Takes place ten days before the baptism.

2nd Meeting - Takes place the Tuesday before the baptism.

What time? **1st Meeting** - The parish office will allocate a time (*Please bring your own **baptismal certificate** in addition to the **godparents' baptismal certificates**, the **child's birth certificate**, **marriage certificate** (if applicable) and **written consent****).

2nd Meeting - Takes place between 7.30pm and 8.30pm (*1 hour maximum*).

Where? Parish House, 2 Grove Road, Finglas East, Dublin 11 (*map attached*)

The first meeting is conducted by a priest of the parish and a sometimes a baptismal team member. The second meeting is conducted by the parish baptismal team. Their role is to represent the parish at the baptism and to help parents and godparents to prepare for the task they have undertaken when asking for baptism.

- On the application form (page 2) both signatures are required if the father's name is to be entered on the baptismal register.
- If you are separated the written consent of the second parent is required. *
- Where a mother is the sole guardian and is not requesting the father's name be entered on the baptismal register the mother's signature alone suffices.

Or drop off your completed application form to the parish office with the administration fee.