

PARISH OF MIDLETON & BALLINTOTIS: REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

DATE: Times: Sat @ 4.30 p.m. Sun @ 1.15 p.m.

On the second Sunday of each month baptisms are celebrated in Ballintotis at 1.15 p.m. There are no baptisms in Midleton on that day.

Please complete fully this form. The completed form, accompanied with Birth Certificate, should be returned to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the date of baptism. *Please note that your requested baptism date is not confirmed until the form and birth certificate are received by the Parish Office. (021 4636508)*

Baptismal Name(s) of Child

Surname of Child.....

Date of birth of child

Father's name

Mother's name & Maiden name

Parents' Address & Postcode.....

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Telephone no.

E-mail

Date & Place of Marriage

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Godfather (1 only)

Godmother (1 only)

Signature of Parents.....

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BAPTISM MINISTRY IN HOLY ROSARY PARISH

"Before the celebration of the sacrament it is of great importance that parents should prepare to take part in the rite with understanding." *Rite of Baptism for Children.*

Preparation for baptism in our parish takes the form of home visits by faith friends, usually in the week before the baptisms, which take place on Saturdays and Sundays.

After the Request for Baptism forms are returned to the Parish Office, arrangements will be made for two members of the Baptism Team (faith friends) to pay a short home visit of support and welcome. Parents will be telephoned by a baptism team member, and a time decided upon that will be convenient and suitable.

An explanation of the actual ceremony and the meaning of the sacrament and its symbols will be given, and any questions answered. If the godparents are able to be present, their important role can be explained more fully. Understandably, their attendance may not always be possible.

The aim of baptismal preparation is to enrich our understanding of this important sacrament and to deepen our sense of celebration and community. Our parish Baptism Team members have volunteered, met and trained for this ministry of support to parents. May it prove to be as great a help and blessing as it has in many other parishes.

For any clarifications please contact the Co-Ordinator: Noelle Topley 086 234 3887

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

The duties of a godparent are: (a) to help the parents of the child in their role of handing on the faith, and (b) to help the child, as he/she grows, to live a Christian life.

A godparent should be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years of age, who lives a life of faith. Only **one godparent** is required, though it is usual to have two. Where there are two godparents, one must be male, one female. A baptised non-Catholic can have a role as a Christian witness at the ceremony, provided there is at least one Catholic godparent present.

REVERENCE AT THE CELEBRATION

We encourage all those attending the celebration of the sacrament to participate with reverence and respect, mindful of their presence in sacred space. We ask adults to take especial care of young children present, and to be aware of health and safety issues, e.g. the dangers of running or jumping. ***Photographs are permitted during the ceremony, but please respect the sanctuary area, and refrain from photographing there after the celebration. Photographs may, of course, be taken in other areas of the church.***