



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

A Roman Catholic Parish Church in the Heart of Luton

Dear Parent / Guardian

The Sacrament of Baptism

I just want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on welcoming into the world a new saint - in - training!" Life is incredibly precious and so it is my wish and desire to help you in any way possible!

I also want to congratulate you on taking this next step in baptising your child into the Church of Jesus Christ! I, along with the entire parish community of Our Lady Help of Christians, cannot wait to accompany you and your child on their journeys towards sainthood!

With that in mind, below are a few 'Frequently Asked Questions' that may help in the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism.

1. DO WE NEED GODPARENTS FOR OUR CHILD?

The Church in her wisdom asks that anyone preparing for Baptism should have at least one godparent (there can be more than one). The choice of person is Important as they, along with you, will be responsible in helping the baptised know and love Jesus throughout their lives. As a result, at least one of the godparents should be a Catholic who holds the faith and their relationship with Jesus as important in their lives

2. WHEN WILL THE BAPTISM TAKE PLACE?

Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays at 12pm in the church. If you would like to discuss the timing, please speak with Fr Brendan to see what might be possible.

3. DO WE NEED ON THE DAY?

The Baptism Rite is simple yet beautiful. All that is really needed on the day are:

- Parents / Guardians
- Godparents
- The child being baptised (this is hugely important!)
- White shawl / cloth
- Baptismal Candle

4. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

People sometimes ask, 'How much does it cost!?' The beauty of our faith is that the Seven Sacraments were given to us, the Church, by Jesus Himself to help us to know and love him and so become saints. So, the simple answer to that question is, Baptism costs absolutely nothing

That said, many families like to contribute towards the mission of the Church in helping her bring the good news to people who have yet to hear it and to those in need. With this in mind we would suggest a donation of £40 towards the celebration of Baptism.

If you would like to donate more, you'd be very welcome to. Likewise, if you feel that you are unable to make a donation at this stage, the important thing is having your child baptised!

5. IS THERE A HALL WE CAN RENT?

Here at Our Lady's we have a great facility in the Parish Centre that can be rented. For details, simply contact the Parish Office:

- Telephone: 01582 723254
- Email: parish.ourladyhelpofchristiansluton@northamptondiocese.org

Once again, I'd like to congratulate you on taking this step in your child's journey of faith. The celebration of the sacraments, including coming to Mass on Sundays, is an important way in which we grow in our love for God and each other, We are here to help you on this journey!

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

With prayers

The Very Reverend Brendan Seery

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