

St. Maur's Parish, Rush, Co. Dublin

The Sacrament of Baptism – Information

Congratulations on giving birth to your baby and new life to your family and to our community. You are now asking that your child be baptised into the family that is our local Christian community, part of God's family in the world. It is fitting that the baptism of your child takes place in your own parish with family and friends and as many as possible of the local community to welcome this new Christian.



Each candidate for Baptism is a new and individual baby/child and deserves to receive as much attention as the 1st born. The Parents promises of Baptism are unique to each child they present. Parents may be in a different stage of their faith journey and may actually benefit from a further meeting. Attendance at the preparation meeting is therefore a parental requirement for each child presented. **Under the Covid restrictions, please note that the requirement to attend a Baptism Meeting is suspended.**

Baptism is an action of faith. It is a sacrament, a celebration of the presence of God to this new person, a presence that will continue and which will be celebrated in many other of the sacraments throughout this child's life.



It is the privilege of parents to enable their child grow and mature in their Christian faith, a faith that offers the Way towards human fulfilment and happiness in this life, and ultimate happiness in the eternal life of God. With the grace of God you, as parents, will be able to pass on to your child the beliefs and values that characterise our Christian faith.

As a Christian community we share with you the task of handing on the faith by making our parish community a place where your child will find a welcome and support to grow in their faith. Our prayers go with you at this time as you prepare to have your child baptised and start him/her on the journey of faith.

During Covid Restrictions Baptisms take place any Sunday of each month in our Parish. When you request a baptism date you must complete a **Baptism Application form** (see attached) with the details required to record your child's baptism in the Parish Register of Baptisms.



A copy/photocopy of your child's **Birth Certificate** must also be presented with the Baptism Application form.

