

# Baptism Application

Please return this form to  
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Please read the notes (on the other side of this sheet) before filling in these details.

**Child's date of birth** .....

**Proposed date of Baptism** .....

EITHER: **10 am Mass** OR **12 noon baptism service** CHOOSE ONE ONLY

**Child's Full Name** (please use capitals) .....

**Boy or girl?** .....

**Father's Christian name(s) & surname:** .....

**Have you been:** **Baptized?** **Confirmed?**

**Mother's Christian name(s) & surname:** .....

**Have you been:** **Baptized?** **Confirmed?**

**Address** .....

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**Telephone Number** .....

**Father's occupation** .....

**Mother's occupation** .....

**Godparents, PLEASE USE CAPITALS & include Mr, Mrs etc.**

**1. Name** .....

**Address** .....

**2. Name** .....

**Address** .....

**3. Name** .....

**Address** .....

All must have been Baptized,  
please indicate here that they have been: 1 2 3

At least one must have been Confirmed  
please indicate here that they have been: 1 2 3

# Baptism

# Christening

**These two words mean the same thing:**

**new life** as a member of the church.

**forgiveness from God** through faith in Jesus Christ.

living a **Christian** life  
and **bringing up** your children as Christians  
by your **example**, your **prayers** and your **teaching**.

Baptism is a serious undertaking.

**We at Saint Mary's welcome you and pledge ourselves to help you and support you as we journey together on our pilgrimage through life towards God.**

It is preferable that a child be baptized at their parish (their local) church, or the church attended by their parents.

**The usual times for baptism are on Sundays at either 10am, during the Sung Mass, or 12 noon at a separate Baptism service which may be shared with other families.**

## Notes

As a parent or godparent you should ask yourself:

Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's church?

Will you help the child to be regular in public worship and in prayer, not only by your teaching but your example and your prayers as well?

Will you encourage the child in due course to come to Confirmation and Communion?

## Godparents

It is traditional to have three godparents: two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex, but to have one godfather and one godmother is sufficient.

**ALL** Godparents **must** have been baptised; no godparent can be accepted under any circumstances if they are not baptised Christians.

We normally require that all Godparents must be confirmed as well, but provided at least one Godparent has been confirmed, we can sometimes relax this rule but at least **one** Godparent must have been confirmed.

Parents may be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent.

Please return this form to Fr Dane at the Vicarage at least two weeks before the day of the Baptism.

*There is no charge for Baptism, but a collection is taken at the end of the service to help St Mary's continue to provide the people of Swanley with the church's ministry and love.*