

All Saints' Church, Raheny

St. John the Evangelist Church, Coolock

Baptism Enquiry Form (child)



The Baptism of Jesus - 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Thank you for your enquiry about baptism for your child/children. Baptism is a serious undertaking and the following is intended to help you think through what baptism is and why you might want to have your child/children baptised. The answers to the questions will form a basis for discussion either with the Rector or another member of the parish pastoral team before any baptism is arranged.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is an outward sign of God's love for us. It marks the beginning of our journey of faith as members of the local and worldwide Christian family. We are not baptized 'Church of Ireland' or 'Roman Catholic' or 'Methodist' or any other denomination but baptized as Christians into the fellowship of the whole Christian Church.

As Jesus welcomed little children, we welcome and baptize children into the family of the Church on the understanding that they will be brought up in the Christian faith by their Parents and Godparents until such time as they can make a decision for themselves.

Responsibilities of Parents and Godparents.

In the baptismal service Parents and Godparents make very serious promises on behalf of their children. In time, children make their own public response to God's love through their Confirmation. Meanwhile, there is a high expectation that Parents and Godparents lead by example in their own journey of faith.

It is expected that Parents and Godparents lead by example through:

- *regular attendance at worship.*
- *a commitment to personal prayer and reflection on the Scriptures.*
- *participation in the life of the parish community.*
- *loving their neighbour.*
- *making a reasonable and regular financial contribution to the cost of maintaining the mission and ministry of the Parish (depending on family financial circumstances.)*

A Welcome into the Church Family

Baptisms in All Saints' and St. Johns take place during a main service when the whole congregation is present. This highlights that baptism is an initiation into the family of the Church when the congregation welcomes a new member and promises to support and pray for both children and parents. Please note that baptism outside these times will only be considered in an emergency situation where a child may be seriously ill.

The administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism cannot be undertaken lightly and so you are asked to note the following:

- ***Holy Baptism is not administered automatically on request but is administered at the sole discretion of the Rector.***
- ***Dates and times of Baptisms are set by the Rector. There are usually six dates throughout the year. Please note that there may be more than one baptism (but no more than four) taking place on any given date.***
- ***Parents and Godparents may be asked to complete a period of preparation and are expected to show a commitment to the worship life of the Church before any Baptism is carried out.***
- ***Requests for Baptism for the purpose of school application is strongly discouraged.***

If you would like to discuss the baptism of your child/children with the Rector or another member of the parish pastoral team please complete the form below and e-mail to admin@allsaintsraheny.org or raheny@dublin.anglican.org or leave in the Parish Office at All Saints'.

The Rector or another member of the pastoral care team will then contact you to make arrangements to meet.

Thank you for your enquiry. We look forward to speaking with you about the baptism or your child/children

Please note that a Service of Blessing for your child/children is available if you are unsure about proceeding with Baptism at this particular time.

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Enquiry for Baptism of a Child

Full Name of Child.....

Date of Birth.....

Father's name.....Occupation.....

Address.....

Telephone

E-mail

Religious denomination.....

Mother's name.....Occupation.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

Religious denomination.....

Please answer the following questions as best you can.

Why do you wish your child to be baptized?

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Are you prepared to undertake a time of preparation before the baptism if requested by the Rector?

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How would you describe your connection with All Saints' or St. John's?

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Are you registered on the list of parishioners?

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Are you registered as a Vestryperson? (i.e. on the list of parishioners eligible to vote at the Annual General Vestry).

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How are you currently subscribing towards the work and witness of All Saints' and St. Johns?

A. Envelope Scheme ☐

B. Standing Order ☐

C. Not currently subscribing ☐

Names of proposed Godparents.

1 Religious denomination.....

2 Religious denomination.....

3 Religious denomination.....

Thank you for completing this Baptism Enquiry form. Please sign here that you give consent for this information to be kept on record for the purposes of the on-going pastoral care of you and your family.

Signed.....

Please return your completed form to:

admin@allsaintsraheny.org or raheny@dublin.anglican.org or leave in the Parish Office at All Saints'.

For office use.

Date of receipt of enquiry form.

Date of visit to parent/s.

Date of Baptism