

## DATES FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION

September 2018—August 2019

Preparation Sessions Saturday 8.45am Sunday after 9.15am Mass or 3.45pm before 5pm Mass	Rite of Welcome Saturday 10am Mass Sunday Mass 9.15am or 5pm	Baptism Sundays 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month 11am or 5pm Mass - or 2pm afternoon
2/9/16/23 September 9.15am	16 September 9.15am Afternoon Tea 2.30pm	7 October
7/14/21/28 October 3.45pm	21 October 5pm	5 November
<b>Saturdays 8.45am</b> 3/10/17/24 November	<b>Saturday</b> 17 November 10am	2 December & 6 January
2019 <b>Saturdays 8.45am</b> 5/12/19/26 January 9.15am	<b>Saturday</b> 19 January 10am	3 February
3*/10*/17/24 February 9.15am	17 February 9.15am	3 March
3*/10*/17*/24 March 9.15am	17 March 9.15am	21 April Easter Sunday & 5 <sup>th</sup> May
5/12/19/26 May 3.45pm	19 May 5pm	2 June
<b>Saturdays 8.45am</b> 1/8/15/22 June	<b>Saturday</b> 15 June 10am	7 July
7/14/21/28 July 9.15am	21 July 9.15am	4 August
4/11/18/25 August 9.15am	18 August 9.15am	1 September

asterisks\* indicate sessions in Skip Appleton Room



Preparing for  
your child's  
Baptism  
at  
SS. Joseph  
&  
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Catholic Parish  
Community  
Bromley

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We want your child's baptism to be a time of joy and celebration for you and the whole parish community. Naturally, you want the best for your child, and we do too.

"Parents you have asked to have your children baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up in the knowledge and love of God and in the practice of the faith."

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## Preparing for Baptism:

If you are a practising Catholic and want to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism please contact one of the priests during a Surgery Time\* in St. Joseph's Presbytery and ask for an application form.

You will then be enrolled for the next available baptism preparation course. Baptism preparation takes place nine times a year.



"The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy"

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**Godparents:** Support you and your child on your journey of faith. This means that the Godparents you choose for your child should be practising Catholics who have been Confirmed and are over the age of 16.

## Christian Marriage:

For parents who are not already married, or not married in the Catholic Church, a **meeting with the priest to discuss your marital status is essential prior to enrolling.** A session with the priest to discuss, and consider, the value of Christian marriage is also a necessary requirement.

*\*Times of Surgery can be found in the Parish Newsletter or on the Parish Website*

## The shape of our Baptism Course: Preparing Together

You will take part in a series of 4 sessions leading to the Celebration of Baptism.

**Session 1:** Introduction – the offer of a House Blessing

**Session 2:** A tour of the church and the importance of Welcome and the Role of Godparents

**Session 3:** What we believe we are passing on to our children

**Session 4:** The Ritual and Symbols of Baptism

**Saturday Session** will begin at **8.45am** before **10am Mass**. After **9.15am Mass on Sunday Morning** or at **3.45pm on a Sunday afternoon** followed by the celebration of **Sunday Mass at 5pm**

## Rite of Welcome in Church

Your child and your family are Welcomed, at **10am Mass on Saturday** after **Session 3**. **Sundays at 9.15am Mass** before **session 3** or at **5pm Mass after session 3**, by the whole Christian community.

Your child is signed with the sign of the cross and anointed

## We Celebrate Baptism in Church

We gather with all of God's People at the Sunday Eucharist to celebrate the Baptism of your child into our community



"As you have been enlightened by Christ, so may you always walk as children of light. May you keep the flame of faith alive."

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