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Being baptised at the Blessed Sacrament Church about being received into a living and worshipping community. The great sign of this community is our coming together as a parish to celebrate Mass on a Sunday. There are many other ways in which the parish works and worships together. In partnership with parents and the parish primary school we seek to help parents teach their children about the faith by word and example.

In the baptism service parents take on a commitment, which is summarised as follows,

*You have come to present this child for baptism. On your part you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised.*

If you would like your child to be baptised in this parish you would, of course, be attending Mass here and you should live within the parish boundary. If you do not live in the parish but come to Mass here then you will need a note of permission from the parish priest where you live. The Baptism Preparation Course is designed to help you understand the ceremony and to support you in your commitment.

***DECLARATION OF PARENTS***

We understand the commitment we are undertaking in asking to have our child baptised. We promise to do all that we can, by word and example, to bring this child up in the Catholic faith.

Mother's signature .....

Father's signature .....

Date .....

**Your baby's**

# Baptism

Congratulations! The birth of your child is an occasion of great joy for you and your family. Our church community shares this joy as you present your child for baptism.

Your desire the best for your child and that means beginning to share your faith in a wonderful and unique way. As parents, God wants to entrust to your care your child's unique gift of faith in this sacrament. It is like the precious mustard seed which, through your careful guidance and love over the years, will grow into the magnificent tree which Jesus calls the Kingdom of God, and the promise of eternal life. Through baptism your child will become a child of God in Christ. Baptism is also the first sacrament of initiation into the community of faith and the life and mission of the Church.

Please read this leaflet carefully and fill in the registration form on the next page.

Mgr. Séamus O'Boyle  
Parish Priest

**What should I do?** Please complete as much of the form opposite as possible and return it to the Parish Priest on the evening of the course. Keep this half of the leaflet for the dates of the course. If you live in another parish you will need to bring a letter of permission from your actual parish priest.

**Dates?** All baptisms must be preceded by preparation. Before any dates can be arranged or confirmed the diocese asks that you attend Baptism Preparation sessions and this will take place at St. John the Evangelist Church Baptism preparation consists of two evening sessions and is held once a month, but not during the month of August or December.

**The course is held on: The First Tuesday or Wednesday and the Second Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. Please see the parish newsletter for confirmation of dates or contact the Parish Secretary.**

Dates for baptism can be arranged at the end of the session by contacting the parish secretary.

**Baptismal Names**—your child’s name is unique and careful though goes into choosing it, but of course the name should have a Christian sentiment. It goes without saying that the best names to choose are those of the saints. It means that we have a patron (a friend in heaven) praying for us. You can follow the link ‘saints and angels’ at [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) for a full list of saints’ names.

**Godparents**—the role of Godparents is very important. They will help you nurture the seed of faith in your child and help you to see that your child is brought up in the living-out of faith.

Godparents are very welcome to attend the course. At least one Godparent must be a practising Catholic who has been confirmed. Please speak to a priest before inviting other people to be Godparents.

**Church Offering**—it is customary to make an offering to the Church on these occasions. As a guide, the amount should be in proportion to the other expenses involved in the baptism and is for the support of the church. The offering can be made on the day of the baptism.

**BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Church of The Blessed Sacrament Islington**  
Please complete in clear handwriting (BLOCK CAPITALS)

SURNAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD’S CHRISTIAN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE of BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic/Non Catholic

MOTHER’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic/Non Catholic

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_]

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ (Tel. \_\_\_\_\_)

NAMES & RELIGION OF GODPARENTS

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**PLEASE NOTE:** the child’s name of which you put on this form will be the name that goes onto the certificate and can not be changed or names added once completed.

You do not need to register with the parish office, just come along on both evenings of the course and sign in when you attend.

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**FOR OFFICE USE**      Date & Time .....