

MALLOW PARISH + SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

St. Mary's Church: Every Saturday 5:00pm & 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month at 1:00pm

Church of the Resurrection: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00pm

This completed form together with the original Birth Certificate must be returned to the Parish Office at least 2 weeks before the requested date of Baptism. Only then will the date be confirmed.

Child's Christian Name(s) _____

Child's Surname _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____. Birth Certificate Number _____

Address _____

_____. Eircode _____

(If you do not live in the Parish of Mallow, please enclose a letter of Permission from your local Parish Priest with this form)

Telephone _____ . Email _____

Father's Surname _____ Father's Christian Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Mother's Christian Name _____

Church of Marriage _____

Godfather's Name (1 only) _____

Godmothers Name (1 only) _____

(at least one Godparent must be a Practising Catholic, Confirmed and over the age of 16)

Requested date of Baptism _____

Signed Parental Request and Data Protection Request (Please tick the boxes and Sign)

(i) We/I request Baptism for the above named child ☐

(II) We/I understand and accept responsibility of raising our child in the Catholic Faith. ☐

(iii) We/I also agree that the information provided in this form can be made available, subject to strict confidentiality to members of the Parish Baptismal Team for the purposes of preparing for our/my child's Baptism. ☐

The Parish of Mallow is the data controller for the data you provide on this form and can be contacted at the Parish Centre 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. By signing this form you consent to the Parish of Mallow collecting and processing the data on the form for the purposes of Baptism. The data contained in this form is stored in accordance with the Parish's Data Protection Policies. For further information please see the Parish's Privacy Policy.

Signature of Father: _____

Signature of Mother: _____

Your Child's Baptism

Congratulations

Congratulations on the birth of your new baby. The Mallow Parish Community shares in your joy. Thank you for wanting to have your baby join the Church Family through Baptism.

Preparations

As Baptism is a Sacrament and not just a naming ceremony, Parents are offered any help in preparing for the celebration of Baptism of their baby. After your signed application form is received in the Parish Office, a member of our recently trained Parish Baptism Preparation Team will phone you arrange a suitable time for two of them to visit you in your home. They will go through the different parts of the ceremony and its symbols with you. They will tell you where to sit in the Church on the day, what to bring with you and hopefully answer any questions or anxieties you may have.

Your Faith is Important

Your most important preparation is to look at your own faith and answer why you are baptising your baby? The fact that you ask to have your baby baptised shows that you recognise the importance of God in your life. From the earliest days children have been baptised, usually as they accompanied their parents into the Church. Jesus, like you, wants the best for your child.

Your Own Commitment

On the day of your child's baptism, you will promise to rear your child in the faith by word and example. The priest will pray:

"May you be the best of teachers by what you say and do in Jesus Christ"

As you teach your child to pray, your own prayer will deepen. Your baby's baptism is just the beginning of a new life in which you will grow closer to one another and closer to God.