

St Damian's Parish, Bundoora

BAPTISM CEREMONY INFORMATION

1. BAPTISMAL CANDLE: You will need to provide a candle for use in the ceremony. A white colour candle is preferred. It can be decorated as much, or as little, as you like. The godfather looks after the candle, on behalf of your child, during the ceremony. He lights it, at the appropriate time. It is then taken home to be part of your 'family history'.
2. BAPTISMAL STOLE and CERTIFICATE: Our parish will present you with the stole on the day of the baptism, that will be yours to keep. The godmother looks after the stole, on behalf of your child, during the ceremony. She places it, on your child, at the appropriate time. The certificate will be presented to you after the ceremony.
3. PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS: There will be plenty of opportunities for photographs throughout the baptism ceremony. Please keep in mind that it is a time of prayer! Our prayer together should not be disturbed by a photographer.
4. BAPTISM DONATION: There is a set fee for the baptism; the amount is \$100.00 for Father .Please place this amount in a sealed envelope with your child's full name on the outside (and the date of the baptism) and hand it to the priest before the ceremony.
5. PRACTICE OF THE FAITH: As you will publicly commit yourself, during the ceremony, to 'bring your child up in the practice of the faith', It is expected that you set this example as catholic parents, by being part of the parish community at Sunday Mass, and other parish activities in the future.
6. PARKING: St Damian's church grounds has limited parking space. If there is a need for more car parking, you can ask your guests to park across Settlement Road in the Supermarket car park. Then they can walk a short distance to the church for the ceremony.
7. BE ON TIME: Make sure you tell your family and friends that are attending the ceremony that the starting time is 11:30am. Please advice them to arrive and be seated at least 10 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony.
8. Donations for Baptism: We thank you for having your child's baptism at St Damian's Parish. All donations for baptism's can be returned in the envelope provide prior to the baptism either at the Preparation Evening or to the Parish Office. Any enquires please contact the office on 9467 2797.

Please note that no mobile phones are to be used inside the church. Make sure they are turned off, when you enter the church. also, no chewing of gum allowed.

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