



ST. JOHN BOSCO'S PARISH

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Dear friends,

I welcome your decision to have your child baptised here at St John Bosco's parish. It is an important step in your family's pilgrimage of faith and we are happy to share it with you.

Please find attached a Baptism Information Sheet which needs to be completed before the booking for Baptism is confirmed.

A reminder that one of the parents must be Catholic, and that it is customary that two Catholic Godparents are chosen, one male and one female. In some cases, one Godparent will suffice with a non-Catholic witness.

Your child's Baptismal Certificate will be given to you on the day of baptism. Please keep this in a safe place as it will be needed later on for things such as school enrolment and further sacraments.

Please make sure all the details that you have provided are correct as these are used to prepare your certificate and entered into the Church's register.

It is customary to make an offering on the occasion of a baptism, wedding etc. The suggested offering is \$300. This may be handed to the priest on the day of baptism or sent to the parish via direct debit, details below:

- Account name: St John Bosco Parish
- BSB: 083 - 347
- Account number: 6616 52479.

Please include your surname as a reference.

Once we have received your Information Sheet, we will confirm your date. We will ask that you will attend the 10.30am Mass on the Sunday prior to Baptism for the Rite of Welcome and Blessing which forms part of the Baptism ceremony. On the day of Baptism, the ceremony (outside of Mass) will be approximately 30 minutes.

On the day of Baptism, you will need to bring a white candle for your child and you may wish to bring a white garment (sash or shawl etc). You may choose to decorate the candle with your child's name and date of baptism if you wish.

Baptism is the first step in your child's life of faith. We are happy to be part of this, and invite you to pray with and for your child in the days and years to come, particularly at regular Sunday Mass. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in the future.

Fr David Cartwright
Parish Priest