

## **About the Baptism Service**

- Infant and Child baptisms are generally scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3pm. Baptism Service will commence only with a minimum of 4 registered children.
- The baptism is administered in a para-liturgy and not within a mass.
- The duration of the baptism service is approximately one hour.
- St Mary's will provide the baptismal candle and liturgical gown. This gown may be reused for a younger sibling.
- All baptisms are currently by Affusion, (pouring holy water over the head), and not by Immersion.

## **Location**

The baptism service is conducted at the main church.

#### <u>Priest</u>

Our priests are on a rotational schedule; therefore, you are unable to choose the priest.

#### Attendees

There is no restriction on the number of attendees and besides the parents, godparents and the infant, we encourage each family to invite their family members, loved ones and close friends to attend and rejoice in this blessed event.

#### **Godparents**

- The two official godparents are allowed to stand with the child.
- If the child's actual godparents are overseas, a proxy/proxies may stand in for the godparents.
- The godparents' names will be reflected in the baptism certificate.
- The proxy/proxies is/are encouraged to attend the infant baptism preparation session and be familiarised with the rites of baptism.

#### **Attire**

- The baby/child's attire should be preferably white but if this is not available, any attire that is presentable for church.
- Parents are not required to be in white.



### Media/Photography

As the church does not provide an official photographer or videographer, please make your own arrangements if you require photography services or live streaming.

#### Miscellaneous

Blessing of Sacramentals: You may approach the priest to bless some water, rosary or sacramental items after the service.

## **Donation/payment for the baptism**

No fee or payment is required but a donation envelope will be provided should you wish to make a donation. Do drop your donation envelope into the collection box next to the church door. Alternatively, you may make the donation via PayNow (UEN number: T08CC4053H)

# **Some Helpful Suggestions**

#### **Baptism names**

You may wish to consider a Biblical name for your child or choose to consider a saint. <a href="https://www.catholic-saints.info">https://www.catholic-saints.info</a>

#### **Baptism Certificates**

If you or the godparent have misplaced your baptism certificate, do contact the parish where you/he/she was baptised to request for the baptism extract.