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Please ensure you read the following important information:

- ❖ Your entire party **must** be seated in the Church at least 15 minutes prior to the time of baptism as there are instructions to be given and forms to be checked before the service commences. The service will commence **on time** and if you are not present in the Church, your baptism may need to be rescheduled.
- ❖ *This is an important day in the life of your family and the Church, please ensure that you follow and participate fully in the ceremony. It is you who are presenting your child for baptism, and membership of the Church.*
- ❖ ***We must stress that everyone in attendance must be courteous to other families when christenings are taking place. It is unfair to both the family of the child being baptised and to Fr Tony, if you are chatting and making noise in the Church at any time, but especially throughout the service you're you and your guest attendance we are taking it that you all seek to participate in this Sacrament of Initiation for you Child, Please keep in mind that you are participating in this Sacrament, so chatting, other than the responses, should be kept for outside the Church.***
- ❖ You must bring: A **white** baby shawl and a christening candle.
- ❖ If you have any further questions, please contact the parish office on 90 618180 weekdays between 9am and 1pm.
- ❖ Please note, there is no set amount that you need to give to Fr Tony on the day of the baptism; we are often asked about this. We appreciate everyone's circumstances are different. Please place your donation into an envelope and give to Fr Tony on the day of the baptism.

FAQ

How many Godparents can I have?

The minimum amount is one. However, most families choose to have two, **one Godfather and one Godmother**. Should you have more than this, the other people will act as Christian witnesses, but these are not recorded on the baptismal certificate or in the Church Register.

Can a person with a different religion stand for my child?

Providing there is one godparent who is Catholic, then the person of a different religion will be a Christian witness.

At what age can I be a Godparent?

You must be aged 18 or over and be a practising Catholic who has received their sacraments to be able to stand as a Godparent. Remember as Godparent you have a role in the upbringing of this Child in the Faith.

Can I change my child's name, spelling or second name?

We can only legally accept, the name on the birth certificate as this is a legal document.

Best Wishes on your child's baptism