

## DECLARATION OF PARENTS

We have asked to have our child \_\_\_\_\_  
baptised. In doing so, we are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in  
the practice of the Faith. It will be our duty to bring him/her up to keep God's  
commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.

We clearly understand what we are undertaking.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Father

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mother

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you belong to another parish and wish to celebrate Baptism in our parishes, you MUST receive  
permission from your Parish Priest.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
baptised in the parish of Our Lady & The English Martyrs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parish Priest.

### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref No: Bapt17/

## *Application for Baptism*



**Our Lady & The English Martyrs  
Litherland**

**Parish Priest: Rev Fr M B Madden**

Dear Parents,

Christians believe that from the first moment of being each person is in a special relationship with God. His very life is life and light for all the world. From this starting point all life is a gift from God and we cherish this gift as something uniquely precious. From the moment of conception we believe that God-is-with-us and that we have a share in His divine life. Baptism is the Church's welcome and the acknowledgement that God loves us and wants to be part of our lives.

Bringing new life into the world is one of the greatest miracles of life. It brings with it many responsibilities. In a real way, the work is only just beginning. Over the year, you will have to care for this wonderful new life and help your baby to grow and become a loving and happy person, able to find joy and to bring joy to the world. The love you have for your baby is part of the love that God has. Just as you want your baby to find love, happiness and peace, so does God. In the Sacrament of Baptism, God shows his love. Through it, we celebrate the fact that your child is God's own child; your child becomes a member of the family of the Church.

Parents of children to be baptised are asked to profess their faith and to accept responsibility of introducing the child to the Christian way of life. As a parish family we are here to help and encourage you in this.

Parents chose godparents whose role it is to support the child throughout life and to help you in raising your child in the practice of the faith. At least one godparent must be Catholic (baptised & confirmed) and living a good life as a Catholic. A baptised person of another Christian Church may also serve as a Christian witness.

As a parish family we look forward to the special day of Baptism and celebrate with you this wonderful gift that God will give your child. You will be invited to come to a Sunday Mass so that we can welcome you as a family and receive a small gift from the parish prior to the actual celebration of the Sacrament.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fr Mark Madden

*"Let the little children come to me and do not turn them away,  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."*

(Matthew 19)

## Registration Form

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

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