

## BAPTISMAL INVITATION

### *Congratulations on the birth of your child.*

You now want to have your child baptised. Consider carefully what this means. Baptism is a lot more than a “naming” ceremony. Through Baptism your child will begin a life of friendship with God and will become a member of the Catholic Community.

You have the privilege and responsibility of looking after the natural life of your child. You also have the privilege and responsibility of looking after the spiritual life of your child. Your child will learn the correct attitude and duties towards God first of all from you, the parents, from the way you speak and act.

### PARENTAL REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

We understand that, in a special way, within the family of the Church, God gives us the responsibility for the Christian upbringing of our child. *We recognise that his/her first school is our home where we want to set the patterns of true Christian living. In particular, we acknowledge our commitment to be faithful to family prayer and to the celebration of the Eucharist.*

We are aware that our child must be carefully prepared for full active participation in the sacramental celebrations of the Church. We realise that in order to assure our child’s continuing Christian formation we are called to a life of unselfishness. We rely on God’s help and the continued support of God’s people in the Church, as we accept these responsibilities as Christian parents.

Signed .....

**Father** (ID # \_\_\_\_\_) **Mother** (ID # \_\_\_\_\_)

### GODPARENTS

The role of Godparents is to act as models of Catholic living for the child. Therefore, at least one of the Godparents must be a Catholic. Both should be persons who have a genuine practicing Christian faith.

### OFFERING

It is the usual custom to make an offering to the Church as a sign of gratitude to God for the gift of life of your child. We invite you to make this in an envelope and hand it to the Priest at the Parents/Godparents’ Meeting (*Saturday, the day before the Baptism, or on the appointed time*).

## ST. PATRICK’S, KOGARAH

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PRIEST/OFFICE WITH CHILD’S BIRTH CERTIFICATE & PARENTS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (IF AVAILABLE)**

Child’s Surname .....

Name (in full) .....

Date of Birth ..... Place of Birth (*Town/State*) .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

Email Address .....

Contact # (home/mobile) .....

Father’s Name (in full) .....

Father’s Religion .....

Mother’s Name (in full) .....

Mother’s Maiden Surname .....

Mother’s Religion .....

Catholic Church/Parish Where Parents Married .....

(or) Civil Marriage - number, date, place .....

Current Home Parish .....

### Godparents (*At least one must be a Catholic*)

#### Godfather:

Name ..... Religion .....

Confirmation Sacrament when/where .....

#### Godmother:

Name ..... Religion .....

Confirmation Sacrament when/where .....

**Baptism date:** ..... **Time of Baptism:** .....

**Date of Parent Meeting:** ..... **Time of Meeting:** .....

**Name of Priest** (office use only) .....

# BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM

## *WELCOME TO THE FAMILY*

Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have  
come to share your life with us.  
As we grow in love and may we always be to you  
what God would have us be, a family always there  
to be strong and to lean on.

May we learn to love each other more with each new day,  
May words of love be on our lips in everything we say,  
May the Spirit melt our hearts and teach us how to pray,  
That we might be a true family.



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