

What to bring!

- ❑ A Baptism Candle (can be purchased at the Parish Office and in shops). A separate candle is required for each child.
- ❑ A white blanket or shawl in the hand (this is placed on the child during the ceremony).
- ❑ Sometimes, a child may need to be fed during the ceremony so you may need to provide for that. (*The ceremony usually lasts about 40 minutes.*)



Readings and Prayers

Baptism is a parish celebration and a family celebration. The family asks that the child be welcomed into the Christian Community. It makes sense to celebrate the sacrament in a community context, i.e., with other parishioners present. It also makes sense to have more than one child being baptised at a ceremony.

Scripture readings and prayers may be read by Ministers of the Word and family members. Please let us know, if a member of your family would like to read at the ceremony. We will provide the text beforehand.

Thank you for taking the time to read and complete this. It is essential that you return this portion to the parish office at least **TWO WEEKS** before the proposed date of baptism.

Parish Office: At the Parochial House, Enniskeane (behind parish church). 023-8847769
Tuesday: 9.30am – 12.30pm; 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday: 9.30am – 1pm

Questions by email?
parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie

Thank You

Congratulations

on the birth of

your Baby

from the priest and people of

Enniskeane Parish

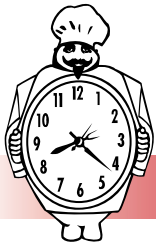
Thank you for wanting your child to join the family of the Church through Baptism. You have decided to give your baby the chance to grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ and to be an active member of the Church community. The parish wants to help you carry out this decision by giving you our support.

God already loves your baby and wants only the best for this child. By asking for baptism you will be publicly thanking God for this gift. You are undertaking to nurture your child's faith and as the child grows up.

Baptism is the first step of your child's journey to God. Your own faith and support are also important for the steps that follow.

At the baptism ceremony you will be promising to bring up your child as a full member of the Church. You are asking the parish to help you in this. Your child will be part of a wider family — the Christian family — which your child will first meet here in Enniskeane & Desertserges Parish.

In a few short years, and with God's help, the next steps of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will see your child blessed with full membership of the family of God in his Church.



Please allow two weeks between the date of booking and the date of the baptism.

Day and Time

The normal time for a baptism ceremony in Enniskeane Parish is:

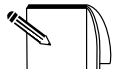
Saturday, 4 pm, in Enniskeane Church, (some Saturdays excepted)
or, *during* the weekend Mass in one of the churches (by arrangement).

As there is often more than one child baptised, it is essential that everyone is on time at the church.

Godparents



Choose your baby's godparents with care. They must share the Christian faith (one must be Catholic) and be at least 14 years old. Ideally, they should be living near enough to get to know your child. They will be undertaking to share with you the responsibility for handing on the faith to your child.



Registering the Baptism

After the baptism, the priest will enter the details of your baby's baptism in the Baptismal Register of the parish. You or your child will be able to obtain a certificate of baptism from this parish at any future date. The information for the register will be taken from the attached page. Please ensure that the details are correct as a change may be difficult at a later date.

The names of baptised children and the street or townland (*taken as the mother's address unless otherwise indicated*) is published in the parish newsletter.

Please detach and return this page to the parish office at least two weeks before the baptism, along with a photocopy of the child's Birth Registration Certificate. (This can be copied at the Parish Office.)

We will then confirm the time and date of the ceremony and provide copies of the readings and prayers as necessary.

Offering

The family gives an offering to the priest on the day of the Baptism.

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BAPTISM REGISTER INFORMATION

These details will be used for recording the details of your baby's baptism in the Parish Baptismal Register. (Please complete using CAPITAL LETTERS. Thanks.)

Child's Christian names:

Child's surname:

Child's date of birth:

Mother's name & (birth) surname:

Mother's present surname:

Father's name & surname:

Godfather:

Godmother:

Mother's address:

Mother's Religion:

Father's address (if different from above):

Father's Religion:

Parent's Signature:

Contact Telephone Number:

Proposed Date of Baptism:

NB. This form must be accompanied by a copy of the Birth Registration Certificate.

OFFICE USE

Minister of Baptism:

Birth Registration Reference:

