

# Congratulations on the birth of your Baby from the priest and people of The Catholic Parish of Enniskeane and Desertserges

**T**hrough Baptism, your child will form a special bond with Jesus which cannot be broken. Baptism also enrolls a child in the family of God which we call the Church.

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.

By asking for baptism you will be publicly thanking God for this gift of new life. You are also undertaking to nurture your child's faith as the child grows up by helping the child to pray and to learn about God's love. Baptism is the first step of your child's journey to God.

At the baptism ceremony you will be promising to bring up your child as a 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.

This is also an opportunity for you to renew your own faith and to deepen your relationship with God and your parish community.

## **Day and Time**

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

Saturday, 4 pm, in Enniskeane Church, (some Saturdays excepted). See the website for baptism dates.

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

## **Arranging a Baptism**

The scheduled dates are published on the parish website at [www.enniskeaneparish.ie](http://www.enniskeaneparish.ie)

When you have selected a date, contact the [parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie) to provisionally book a place. Please return the Booking Form 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.

## **Godparents**

Your baby's sponsors at Baptism must share the Christian faith (at least one must be Catholic) and be at least 16 years old. They will be undertaking to share the responsibility for handing on the Christian faith to your child.

## **Parish Records**

After the baptism, the parish will enter the details of your baby's baptism in the Baptismal Register of the parish. Until your child is 18, you will be able to obtain a certificate of baptism from this parish. Once your child is 18, he/she will be able to obtain the certificate themselves. 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.

## **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.)
- The family gives an offering to the priest on the day of Baptism. It is also customary to give a gratuity to the sacristan who prepares the church. Thanks.

# Enniskeane and Desertserges Parish Baptism Booking Form & Register Information

(Please complete using CAPITAL LETTERS.)

Child's Christian name(s): .....

Child's surname: ..... Child's date of birth: ..... / ..... / 20.....

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: ..... Telephone Number: .....

Proposed Date of Baptism: ..... / ..... / 20..... (Check availability with the Parish Office)

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

**Data and Privacy:** The personal data in this form will be used by the parish to celebrate your child's Baptism and to register the Baptism in the Baptismal register as required by Church law. The copy of the birth certificate you submit with this form will be destroyed once the Baptism is registered in the Baptism register. The information inserted in the Baptismal register will be retained permanently. This form will be retained for one year after your child's Baptism. If you consent (see below), the name of your child, the fact of Baptism and the street or townland (taken as the mother's address unless otherwise indicated) will be published in the parish newsletter (which may be made available on-line). With your consent (see below), photographs of your child, family and sponsors may be taken by the parish and may be published in the parish newsletter, parish website and/or social media sites. You/your child's data will be processed in accordance with Articles 6(1) (a), 6 (1) (b), 6 (1) (f), 9 (2) (a) and 9 (2) (d) of the General Data Protection Regulation, 2016..

*Please see the Privacy Policy of the parish on [www.enniskeaneparish.ie](http://www.enniskeaneparish.ie)*

- I consent to the publication of my child's name, fact of Baptism and street or townland in the newsletter
- I do not consent to publication of my child's name, fact of Baptism and street or townland in the newsletter
- I consent to the taking of photographs after the Baptism ceremony and to their publication by the parish.
- I do not give consent for the taking of photographs.

Name: ..... Signed: ..... Date: .....

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Minister of Baptism: .....

Birth Registration Reference: .....