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| **Baptism Enrolment Form 2021** |

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| **CHILD’S DETAILS\*** |  |
| **Surname:** | **Given Name(s):**  | **Baptismal Name (if you chose one):** | **Date of Birth/Place** |
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\**Please attach a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate. Please fill in a separate form for each child if you are enrolling more than one.* **†***If you choose a Baptismal name, it will need to be the name of a saint (see more information in the brochure).*

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| **PARENTS’ DETAILS** |
| **Father’s Surname:** | **Father’s Given Name(s):** | **Father’s Religion:** |
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| **Mother’s Maiden Surname:** | **Mother’s Given Name(s):** | **Mother’s Religion:** |
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| **Home Address (*including Suburb & Postcode*):**  | **Closest Parish to your Home Address\*:** |
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| **Telephone Number(s):at least 2** | **Email Address:** |
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| **Date of Marriage:** | **Where you Married (Name of the Church or Venue, Suburb, State, and Country):** |
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| **Priest who is officiating the Baptism (if known):** |
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*\*If you do not reside in Fairfield Parish, you will need to: (1) ask your local Parish Priest to prepare you for your child(ren)’s Baptism; and (2) ask your local Parish Priest to fill and sign the standard Permission Letter and return to the Fairfield Parish Office by mail, fax, or email*

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| **GODPARENT’S DETAILS (before you fill in this section, please read the information on the reverse side of this form).** |
| **Male Surname:** | **Given Name:** | **Religion:** |
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| **Female Surname:** | **Given Name:** | **Religion:** |
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*\*Please note that* ***your Date of Baptism cannot be confirmed until*** *you have booked a date with the Parish Secretary for a preparation visit with one of the priests.*

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| **PROPOSED DATE OF BAPTISM\*** |
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*\*Some parents ask for a ‘private’ Baptism; however, we invite you to consider that in the Church’s tradition, children from more than one family are Baptised together, as this exemplifies one of the fruits of this sacrament; namely: Baptism makes us members of God’s family. For this reason, in the Rite of Baptism, the priest says to each child, calling them by name, “The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.”*

**\*See Over the Page to Sign\***

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| **Booking fees:** |
| **For Parishioners:** | We encourage parishioners to make a donation for the pastoral revenue of the church. This would not include the stipend for the priest conducting the Baptism. |
| **For Non-Parishioner** | For Parish Sunday Mass Baptism’s, we encourage non-parishioners to make a donation for the pastoral revenue of the church as well as a stipend for the priest. For private use of the church we ask for a booking fee of $200. This amount goes toward assisting the parish cover the costs for such things as electricity, candles, air-conditioning etc. Additionally, a baptism offering envelope is provided to assist you make a donation to the Pastoral Revenue which assists to cover the priest’s living expenses. This envelope does not include a stipend for the priest’s personal expenses. A permission letter from your parish priest will need to be completed and handed into the parish office in order for you to have your child baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. |

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| **COMMENTS** |
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**Parent’s Declaration: In asking to have my child baptised, I acknowledge my responsibility to educate my child in the Catholic Faith. With the help of God and the worshipping community, I promise to do all in my power to carry out that responsibility through both word and example.**

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 ***Signature of Father (if Catholic) Signature of Mother (if Catholic) Date***

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| **Who can Be a Godparent?** |
| In addition to you as the parents, the role of the godparents are threefold: (1) to present your child for Baptism; (2) represent the wider faith-community of which your child is being initiated; and (3) helping your child to respond faithfully to the grace of Baptism by being true to his or her identity as a son or daughter of God which this sacrament makes them become. For this reason, godparents are asked in the Rite of Baptism, “Are you willing to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?” Choosing someone to be a godparent is, therefore, an important decision. Not everyone qualifies to be a Godparent. According to the Catholic Church’s requirements,[[1]](#footnote-1) each godparent must be:* not either the biological or adoptive father or mother of the person to be Baptised;
* at least 16 years of age, for each godparent needs to be mature;
* a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation, for only a fully initiated Catholic is able to represent the worshipping community in which the child is to be Baptised. For this reason, it is not possible for an unbaptised person to be a godparent or *Christian witness*;[[2]](#footnote-2)
* someone who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken, that is, someone who is not publicly known to be breaking one or more of the Ten Commandments in a major way. For only those who exemplify the Christian life can be a model of faith for your child;
* male and female. It is possible to have just one godparent, but it is traditional to have two. If it is part of your culture to have more than two godparents, you need to designate a male and female for the parish records.

Godparents are encouraged to attend the Baptism Preparation Program with the parents, as they have an important role in helping to foster the spiritual life of the child. |

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| **Correction Fee** |
| Requests to make any corrections on Baptism Certificates after they have been issued will incur an administration fee, unless the Parish Office made the error. |

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| **Privacy Policy** |
| The information in the *Baptism Enrolment Form* you provide will be entered into the Parish’s Baptism Register and will not be used by anyone other than Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield. If you wish to read the Parish’s Privacy Policy, it is available on the Parish Notice Board. The information you provide will also be featured on your child’s Baptism Certificate. |

1. *Code of Canon Law*, nos. 873, 874.1.1-5; 2089. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A non-Catholic Christian who has been Baptised with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit may not be a godparent, but he or she can simply be a *Christian witness* to the Baptism, provided that the child to be baptised has a Catholic godparent. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)