



Parish of Saul & Ballee

Baptism





Who can be Baptised in Saul and Ballee Parish?

ONLY a child, whose parents permanently live within the boundaries of the Parish of Saul & Ballee may be baptised in the Parish. A Full Birth Certificate is required in order to arrange a Baptism.

When are Baptisms celebrated?

At least four weeks notice is required. Once the Baptism Request Form has been completed and returned to the Parish Office accompanied by the Full Birth Certificate you will be given a mutually agreed date for the Baptism. Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Saturday.

What Preparation is required?

A Baptism Preparation Course is being introduced across the Diocese and it will become compulsory for parents and godparents to attend this course. The course will be completed prior to agreeing a date for Baptism. We anticipate introducing this course in our Parish in the near future.

How many Godparents should there be?

The law of the Church (Canon law) says: 'One sponsor / godparent, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex' (*Canon 863*). **The maximum number of godparents is two.** At least one godparent must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and is in good standing with the Church community. The other godparent, if not a Catholic, should be a baptised Christian. Godparents must be aged 16 or above.

What is the Church's tradition about choosing a name?

For centuries it has been the practice to call a child after a Christian Saint, hence the use of the word "Christian" name. Although parents are not obliged to do so, they are encouraged to give their child a Christian name which reflects their Christian faith.

What are the fees for a Baptism?

There are no set fees or charges. It is, however, customary for parents to make an offering to the Parish and the Priest after a Baptism.

What do you need to bring with you for the Baptism?

The child is clothed with a white garment, provided by the parents/family during the ceremony. A Baptism candle is also required, these can be purchased from the Parish Office at the cost of £1.50

We do not recommend you make any other arrangements until the Baptism has been booked and confirmed with the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a live webcam streaming from St Patrick's Church, Saul. This enables those who cannot make the ceremony to still be part of it.



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Baptism Request

Child's Surname _____

Child's Christian names _____

Date of birth _____

Father's full name: _____

Father's religion _____

Mother's full name _____

Mother's maiden name _____

Mother's religion _____

When and where married _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone number _____

Godparents 1) _____

2) _____

Celebrant _____

Church St Patrick's Saul



Diocese of Down and Connor

Parish of Saul & Ballee

**Baptism
Consent
For**

..... (“the child”)

Baptism is a celebration where the Parish initiates a new member who will join with it in faith, in prayer, and who will share in its mission of spreading the Lord’s way in our world. We like to celebrate and introduce those recently baptised into the Parish community which will provide friendship and support as a second family. As a form of introduction we put the names of those recently baptised in the Church Bulletin. For this we would like your consent.

If you would prefer that the name of the child should not be placed in the Bulletin please indicate below.

I **do not** want the name of the child to be published in the Parish Bulletin.

If you would like the name of the child to be published in the Parish Bulletin please complete the consent form below.

Name

**Relationship
to the Child**

Address
.....

By signing this form I grant consent to the Diocese of Down and Connor to publish the child’s name in the Parish Bulletin.

Signed: **Dated:**

You can find out more about how we use your data from our “Privacy Notice” which is available from the Diocesan website or from the Parish Office.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Priest. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

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