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BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN **BLOCK** CAPITALS:

Child's Christian Names: _____ Surname: _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Place of Baptism, please tick: St Dympna's Church St Columbanus' Church

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name _____ (Maiden Name:) _____

Catholic Church where married: _____ Date: _____

Address of Child: _____

Home and mobile telephone number: _____

*Name of Godfather: _____ is he over 16 years old:

*Name of Godmother: _____ is she over 16 years old:

**A GODPARENT MUST A PRACTISING CATHOLIC OVER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.
 NOTE THAT THERE ARE TWO GODPARENTS REGISTERED, ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE*

Name of Priest: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Do you consent to the parish contacting you:

Signed : _____ Signed : _____

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Priest's Initials after Baptism: _____ Time of Baptism: _____

Donation to the Priest: € _____ Entered into register on : _____

Your CHILD'S BAPTISM

You have asked to have your child baptised. This is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. Baptism is not just a celebration of your child's birth, or a welcoming ritual for your child which is celebrated by your family and relatives. Baptism is an expression of your own faith, and a desire for your child to share that faith. Baptism introduces your child to the Church and makes him or her a part of the family of the Church. It is the joyful day for you and the Church.

The Christian faith is an adult faith. Your child is too young to ask for baptism. That is why you as parents, guardians and godparents request it for them. Naturally, you want the best for your child. You will be your child's first teacher and role model. What you say or do in your child's early years will be the most important influence on the development of your child's personality and his or her view of the world. It is important that you encourage your child to develop a relationship with God and bring them to our church, the house of God among us, a place of prayer.

During the Baptism ceremony you will be asked if you are willing to undertake to tell your child about God our Father, Jesus Christ his son and the Holy Spirit.

You will promise before all present that you will teach your child to pray. Along with the godparents, you will be asked to profess your faith, the faith that you will pass on to your child. You should think seriously before you make this public commitment. It is after all a vow before God made by you on the day of Baptism.

We rejoice with you as you prepare to celebrate this first Sacrament with your child. If you have any questions leading up to the day of the ceremony, please feel free to contact us.

What you need to bring on the day:

1. A White Baptismal Shawl.
2. A new Baptismal Candle (*each child should have their own candle*).
3. An offering on behalf of your child for the priest on the day.