Dear Parent(s),

We are delighted that you want to have your child baptised. Like all good parents, you want nothing but the best for your child. God is like that. God wants us to have the best. And Baptism is the best. You have given this temporary life to your child. By Baptism Jesus will plant the seed of eternal life in your son/daughter. Parents have the wonderful job of making the seed sprout and flower. They do this by teaching their child to be a follower of Jesus, who taught us to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Before you fill in this form, please spend a few moments thinking whether you are going to bring your child up as a practising Catholic. If you are not willing to do that, please do not fill in this form. Let the child decide when (s)he becomes an adult.

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**B**aptismal **P**rocedure

* Complete the attached Baptismal Booking Form and return to the parish secretary, details overleaf.
* Book your Baptism date and location with the parish secretary.
* We would expect the parents and godparents to attend Sunday Mass at either 6.30pm vigil on Saturday evening or 9.45am on Sunday morning at Guardian Angels Church.
* Parents and godparents to attend a Baptismal Preparation Meeting on the first Monday of the month at 6.00pm with the Parish Catechist. The meeting is held in the GAP Room next to the Presbytery.

**T**he **S**acramentof **B**aptism

Baptism is the first of the Sacraments. The sacraments are a visible demonstration of God’s love for us and each one brings us closer to Him. Baptism is a Sacrament of initiation, and through it begins a lifelong relationship between your child and God

A Baptism is both a Parish and a family occasion, and is a time for rejoicing. In Baptism your child receives the Holy Spirit and is born again into the family of the Church.

One of your child’s names must be a Christian name, i.e. a Saint’s name. We depend upon our Saint to protect and guide us during our lives.

**G**odparents

You, with the Godparents you have chosen, will state your commitment to the Church and promise to teach your child to love God, grow in faith and uphold the values of His Church.

For this reason at least one of the Godparents **must** be a Catholic and at least 16 years of age. It is important that they are a baptised Catholic and living their Catholic faith to the full. (Additional friends or family members may act as witnesses)

**O**n **T**he **D**ay

* Keep things simple so as to not lose sight of the ***deep spiritual significance*** of the occasion.
* You will be asked to choose readings for your service, and you may want to invite Godparents or other guests to read these.
* You will need a white garment/shawl for your child/children.
* The Parish will provide the Baptism Candle and certificate.

**PLEASE FILL IN USING BLOCK CAPITALS**

* Full Name of Child

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* Date of birth
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* Address …………………………………………………………………………..
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* Contact number Home/Mother/Father (delete as appropriate)
* ........................................................................................................... Father’s name
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* ............................................................................................................ Godfather’s Name – Practicing Catholic Yes/No
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* Time of Baptism
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* Date Mass Attended

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* Date Baptismal Meeting Attended
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**D**eclaration

I/We wish to apply for my/our child to be baptised. In doing so, I/we accept the responsibility of bringing up my/our child as a Catholic. I/we will try to do this by word and by example of my/our faith in attending Sunday Mass.

Father’s signature

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Date..............................................

Mother’s Signature

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Date..............................................

If you live outside our parishes, you will require written permission of the Parish Priest, in the parish in which you live.

Signature of Parish Priest

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Date..............................................

Parish.............................................................

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To book your baptism, return your completed application to:

The Parish Secretary

Guardian Angels House,

Kitsland Road,

Shard End,

Birmingham

B34 7NA

Tel (0121) 747 2873

E-mail address:[**guardianangels2011@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:guardianangels2011@hotmail.co.uk)

Parish office opening times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10.00am – 1.00pm

***If you have any questions – we are happy to help***

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**Request for Baptism**

**Parishes of**

**Mother of God and**

**Guardian Angels**

**And**

**St. John the Baptist**

**Rev Fr Michael Bonaccorsi**