



ST BEDE'S CHURCH

**Popley Way
Basingstoke
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BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child and on their upcoming welcoming and Baptism.

If you are not currently attending Sunday Mass, I rely on you to begin attending. I know it is not easy with a small child, even more difficult with a number of children, but Sunday Mass should be an essential part of the week. It is where we are nourished and supported in our Faith. Remember you will be promising to bring up your child as a practicing Catholic, which has the obligation of coming to Mass.

When school time comes, a Catholic School will help to continue the education of your child by teaching not only the academic skills and crafts, but also assist in preparing your child for the Sacraments and trying to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

In our Parish, Baptisms usually take place on the Fourth Sunday of the month at 12.30 pm. except during Lent.

Also, please note, that Godparents must be practicing Catholics and must have been Confirmed.

It is traditional for a stole fee of £30 to be offered to the Minister who performs the Baptism. Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Holy Ghost Basingstoke.

Please check with the Parish office before making any firm arrangements with family and friends.

With every Blessing

**Fr. Christopher Rutledge
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