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**BAPTISMAL PROTOCOL**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing St. Rita’s Catholic Parish for the Baptism of your child. This is some important information for you that will assist you in your preparation.

• CRITERIA FOR BAPTISM: The request for the Baptism should come from the parents of the child to be baptised. We require the permission of both parents for the baptism of a child.

• BOOK EARLY: It is important to register early so that you can get the date you are wanting.

• BAPTISM DATES: The Sacrament of Baptism is usually held at 10.30am after the Sunday 9am Mass. If another time is required please speak with Fr Jose.

• PUNCTUALITY: There may be more than one Baptism on each occasion. It is important to be in the church at least 10 or 15 minutes in advance.

• GODPARENTS: The role of the godparent is to support the parents and the child in their duty as Christian parents. There is a requirement that at least one godparent be Catholic. If necessary, you might have a second godparent who is not Catholic if he/she is baptised in their own Christian faith. All godparents must be 18 years old or over.

• BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Kindly complete the attached Baptism Application Form and return it to the parish office together with a copy of the child’s full Birth Certificate. When these documents are returned to the Parish office, you will be contacted to make an appointment to meet with Fr Jose or the Sacramental Coordinator, Jennifer Fielding to arrange a Baptismal Preparation meeting with you. Baptismal Preparation Meetings are held

Parent/parents need to meet with the Parish Priest to discuss the Baptism and to confirm a date for the Baptism. This is a mandatory requirement.

• DONATION: $50 to the Church and $50 to the Presiding Priest would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our faith community. If you have any questions please contact the parish office, we will be only too happy to help you.

Kind regards and God bless,

Sacramental Coordinator

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