



*English Martyrs  
Vale of White Horse  
Pastoral Area*

## **English Martyrs & St John the Evangelist Catholic Churches**

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# **Baptism Form**

## **The Nature of Baptism**

The reception of the Sacrament of Baptism is the greatest day in the life of a child and a special family occasion, a time for rejoicing and thanking God.

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Through Baptism your child will be freed from sin and reborn as a child of God. Moreover the newly baptised become members of Christ's body, grafted into Christ and His Church and made sharers in her mission: to bring the gospel of salvation to all nations.

The law of the Church requires every child to have at least one God parent. The number often differ. A God parent must be a practising Catholic - in good standing with the Church (able to receive Holy Communion) and have been confirmed. They must be at least 16 years of age. Believing and baptised Christians can act as Christian witness in place of one or more God parents, but in any case there must always be at least one Catholic Godparent.

**Please complete the following in BLOCK CAPITALS**

NAME OF CHILD.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....Age:.....

PLACE OF BIRTH.....

PARENTS'S DETAILS: One parent has to be a Practising Catholic

NAME OF FATHER.....

RELIGION OF FATHER.....

NATIONALITY.....

NAME OF MOTHER.....

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.....

RELIGION OF MOTHER..... NATIONALITY.....

PLACE OF MARRIAGE:.....

CURRENT ADDRESS: Parents have to be residents in the parish

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

EMAIL: .....

GODPARENTS DETAILS: One Godparent has to be a practicing Catholic

GODFATHER:.....

GODMOTHER:.....

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GODMOTHER:.....

Do you attend mass at the English Martyrs or St John's? **Yes/No**

If yes, which Mass do you usually attend? .....

If you have recently moved into the area, please state your previous parish and address. ....

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Why have you decided to have your child baptised?

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Parents requesting baptism for their child must take part in a short rite of welcome at Sunday Mass and attend a preparation session beforehand. Are you willing to do this? **Yes/No**

Have you attended a baptism preparation session within the last 3 years? **Yes/No**

A donation is encouraged to the Celebrant (Priest). £30 as administration costs, a Baptism candle and certificate is recommended.

Please, note dates and time must be approved by the parish priest.

**Proposed Date**..... **Time**.....

**English Martyrs Didcot**.....

**St John the Baptist, Wallingford**.....