



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

( Enniskerry, Curtlestown, Glencree & Kilmacanogue)

### Baptism – Some points to remember

1. The Baptism Ceremony begins at 2.00pm **so** please ask the Godparents and your Guests to arrive at the Church by 1.45pm.
2. Don't forget to bring along the Baptismal (Christening) **Candle** and the baby's Christening shawl – (the white wrap-around robe)
3. The **Godfather** should have the special **Baptismal Candle** with him.
4. If, at the *pre-Baptism* meeting you have arranged that some one from your family or one of your guests will take a Reading or one of the Prayers at the ceremony, please remind a member of the Baptism Team or the Priest on the day
5. By all means bring along a camera but please make sure the photographer is **not** one of the Parents or Godparents.
6. During the Ceremony the **Mother** usually sits in the church seat or 'pew" nearest the aisle holding her baby. The **Father** sits beside the Mother and the **Godparents** sit beside him.
7. Family and other guests may sit in that same pew or in the pews immediately behind.
8. If there are young children attending, please arrange to have a childminder with each child – some one the child gets on well with. This is because little children can get upset by the unusual event and may even want the parents' attention during the ceremony!
9. After the child is Baptised at the Baptismal font the **Godmother** usually holds the baby. Then, when directed by the Priest, the **Father** places the white christening robe on his child.
10. The **Godfather** lights the Baptismal candle from the nearby Easter Candle\* .
11. The parents may give **Church Offering** envelope to the priest as he presents the parents with their child's Baptismal Certificate at the end of the ceremony.

[\*This candle should be kept safely at home afterwards. It should be lit each year on the child's birthday as a reminder of the Baptism. The candle may also be used on the occasion of First Holy Communion and Confirmation]