



# Policy Statement on Baptism

# Baptisms

All parishioners have the right of baptism in St John's. Church Electoral Roll members have the right of baptism for their children in St John's.

Baptisms for individual families will only take place during the principal Sunday service. However, for a trial period of six months during 2013/14, parents will be offered the alternative of a group baptism, following Mass, on a limited number of set Sundays per year.

Those applying for baptism must collect and return their forms following attendance at the principal Sunday service.

Those living outside the parish will be permitted baptism only if regularly attending worship at St John's (i.e. at least every 2-3 weeks) for at least 6 months. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens for those serving overseas in H.M. Forces or working abroad temporarily, with a demonstrable connection to the Parish (see Burials).