**Our Lady of Grace and St Edward**

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**APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM**

***(PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN CAPITALS)***

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| **Child’s Information**  Child’s FULL Name (including middle names and SURNAME):  Full address:  Date of birth: |
| **Mother’s Information**  Christian name and SURNAME:  Religion / denomination:  Telephone No. & Email: |
| **Father’s Information**  Christian name and SURNAME:  Religion / denomination:  Telephone No. & Email: |
| **Godparents (see overleaf)**  Name of Catholic Godmother:  Name of Catholic Godfather: |
| **Christian Witnesses (see overleaf)**  Names of Christian Witnesses: |
| **Baptismal Preparation (see overleaf)**  Date (approx., and place) of previous Baptismal Preparation:  Date booked onto a Chiswick Parish course: |
| **Home Visit**  Date and time (clergy will book this with you directly): |
| **Baptism Liturgy**  **(unless agreed otherwise with the clergy, Baptisms will be on nominated Saturdays at 12:15pm)**  Date booked: |
| **Notes about the celebration** |
| ***For Office Use Only*:**  **Date application form received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Baptismal Course Attendance:**  ***Session 1 Session 2***  ***Mother Y/N Y/N***  ***Father Y/N Y/N***  **Baptism administered on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, by Fr.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Information about Godparents & Christian Witnesses**  Canon Law (the law which the Church lives under herself and imposes on all her children) allows for only TWO Godparents who MUST be practising Roman Catholics who have been Confirmed. ONE Godparent is sufficient but TWO are allowed; if there are two however, they must be of different sexes (i.e. one man and one woman).    Christians of other denominations, i.e. not Catholics but Christians, may be official Witnesses to the Baptism and would be recorded in the Baptism Register as Witnesses, next to the Godparents. Again, there may only be TWO Witnesses, one man and one woman.  Members of other Faiths (so, for instance, Jews, Sikhs, Muslims, Buddhists) CANNOT be (Catholic) Godparents or (Christian) Witnesses. This is because being a Godparent is an office in the Church, undertaken on behalf of the Church. That office of the Church must therefore be exercised by a member of the Church. There is no implied criticism therefore of other Faiths, which the Church deeply respects, or those who live by those Faiths.  Atheists and Agnostics also cannot be Godparents for the same reason.  **Baptismal Preparation**  Canon Law states that ‘*the pastor personally or through others is to take care that the parents are properly instructed*.’ Therefore, if you can demonstrate that you have previously attended Baptismal Preparation, then you will not be expected to undertake another programme. You are, of course, most welcome to attend any of the baptismal courses offered in the parish, and it is recommended that you do so if your last Baptismal Preparation was more than three years ago.  ***To book a date for Baptismal preparation, please contact the parish office*** |