

Baptisms @ St John's, Campbelltown

sjec.org.au/sacraments/baptism

**Baptisms are celebrated on the
first and third Sundays of the month at 12 noon.**



How to receive baptism

There are **four compulsory elements** to the application process – all completed using this link: sjec.org.au/sacraments/baptism

1. First complete the **Enquiry form** (*at least 3 months before*) to choose your preferred date of baptism.
2. Then complete the online **Belonging Course**.
3. Attend a **Baptism Preparation Meeting** - held every two months (dates are listed on our website). This gives everyone a chance to meet and go through the ceremony together. If you can't make this meeting, call the parish office to arrange a direct meeting with one of the priests, or speak with a priest after Mass.
4. Then you can complete the second form, the actual **Application for Baptism** - **at least 3 weeks** before the scheduled baptism.

The Belonging Course

Every parish has to adequately prepare families to receive the sacraments. One of the many challenges is finding a preparation program that fits in with the busy schedules of parents. We are delighted that an online preparation program will be undertaken by all parents presenting a child for baptism in our parish. [You only need to complete the course once every four years.] The course, called **Belonging**, is led by the very dynamic and gifted **Fr Mike Schmitz**. He provides beautiful examples and illustrations across the 7 short sessions that comprise the course.

- What's in a name?
- Real Relationship
- Liar, Lunatic, or Lord
- Child of God
- Real Change
- Your Family
- Rite of Baptism

Once you purchase (for US\$15.95) and complete the **Belonging program** and attend the **Baptism Preparation Meeting**, you will receive a certificate, which will then allow you to apply for Baptism within the parish.