# Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

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#### Dear Parents,

Having your children baptised is an important step and it needs to be thought about carefully. It means that they are becoming a Christian and they are being welcomed into the Family of God. You, as parents, are undertaking to bring up your children to know and to practise the faith of the Holy Catholic Church.

As parents, you have given life to your child, but birth is only the beginning. Your child still depends upon you for everything, for food, for clothes and for a loving home in which to grow. This is equally true of the Christian life. Baptism is only the beginning. The home is the primary training ground; the parents are the most important teachers.

When school time comes, our Catholic School will help to continue the education of your child by teaching not only academic skills and crafts, but also, and most importantly, assist in preparing your child for the Sacraments and deepening their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. However, it must be said, that the school is no substitute for a family where the faith is really lived; a home that recognises its need for God and where prayer is central to its everyday life; a home that treasures Holy Mass and all the life-giving Sacraments of the Church.

This is what you are taking on. If you are willing to accept the obligation of bringing up your child in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith, then please complete the form overleaf.

#### Reverend Father Barry Hallett

\* Please check with the Parish Priest before making any firm arrangements with family and friends regarding the date of the Baptism.

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### Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS (and post to Presbytery)

## Child Christian Names...... Boy/Girl...... Boy/Girl..... Surname..... **Parents** Full Name of Father...... Religion....... Maiden Name of Mother ..... Address..... Post Code.....Tel. No. Email address.... **Godparents** ......Religion...... Religion...... **PLEASE NOTE:** Godparents must be a practising Catholic and must have been Confirmed. References will be required from the Parish Priest of the proposed Godparent if he/she lives outside this parish. I have read and understood the information provided overleaf and I undertake to bring up my child in the Catholic Faith. Signature (Father) ...... Signature (Mother) .....

Date .....