

This week's theme:

<p>13th January</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p> <p>'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'</p>	<p>School Value: Community</p>	<p>In the Baptism of the Lord we see a special moment where the Trinity is revealed. The baptism of Jesus shows us the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This scene helps us understand that God is a community of love. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his mission to bring God's love to the world. The Holy Spirit empowers him, and the Father's voice affirms him. We are invited to share in the life of the Trinity and to spread God's love to others. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love and mission, we are called to live in love and to serve others in our daily lives.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord, help us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen.</p>	<p>12th – Baptism of Jesus</p>
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Don't forget - there are additional resources for you to use with your form saved on the K Drive in chaplaincy
Each form should also have a paper copy of the prayer booklet (there are spare copies in the sacred time resource box in the staff room)

Additional prayer resources for sacred time;

[Additional Prayer resources for form Sacred Time \prayer hand.pptx](#)

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The resources and activities in this powerpoint are suggestions, and intended to support, and / or offer a starting point.

They are not prescriptive - please feel free to adapt for your form, or create your own resources as appropriate

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and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



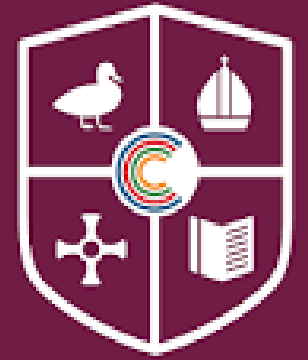
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Let us make the sign of the cross together.

Spring Term 1:Week 2

Season: Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: Green



Sacred Time Theme: Baptism



Day 1

This week, we remember the story of Jesus' baptism and what it shows us about Jesus.

Baptism is a sacrament that most Christians usually have as a baby, but this sacrament was instituted by Jesus when he was baptized by his cousin John.

Day 1

Watch the clip and think about these questions.

Why was John baptizing people?

Why did he think he shouldn't baptize Jesus?

What do the events of the baptism show us about Jesus?

We pray our school prayer together, asking God to help us to share our gifts of courage, commitment and compassion to all. We ask him to help us make a new start or to commit to promises which we have made - such as those at baptism.



*Live life in
all its fullness*

John 10:10

School Prayer

Dear God,

We ask for the compassion to care for each other, the commitment to strive for excellence, and the courage to do the right thing. Help us to build a community where everyone can live life to the full.

Amen.

St. Cuthbert, pray for us.

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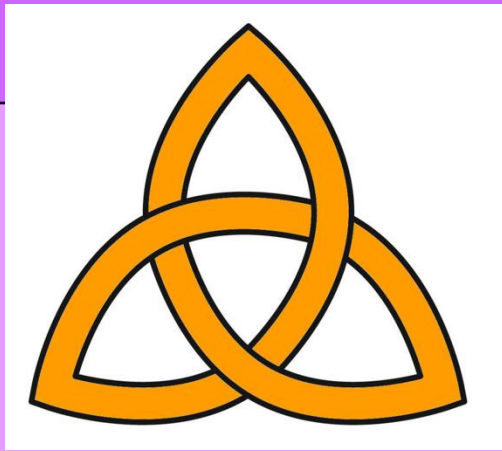
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Day 2



Trinity



From Jesus' baptism, we are shown clearly the idea of the Trinity - that there is one God, who is three persons.

Jesus the Son is being baptized, God the Father speaks from heaven and the Holy Spirit is represented by a dove.



Why is it important?

The Trinity helps us to understand God more - he is our Father, he walked amongst us and still cares for us through the Holy Spirit.

The voice of the Father says "This is my beloved son
With whom I am well pleased."

Day 2



Why is it important?



This shows that God loves us unconditionally. He sent his son to save us, he is giving us another chance to be close to him.

How can we show love to others? How can we ensure we give others a chance to redeem themselves?

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Day 3



Why is Baptism important now?

When John baptized people, it was very unusual. It symbolised a new start for people who chose to be baptized. Now, people choose to get baptized or to baptize their children because they want to follow Jesus' teaching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05YB2jdHLsY>

Day 3



Today's Prayer

Lord, help us to take fresh opportunities to renew ourselves. Give us strength to make decisions that are not just good for us, but others too.

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Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Day 4

Symbols

There are lots of symbols associated with baptism -
how many do you know?

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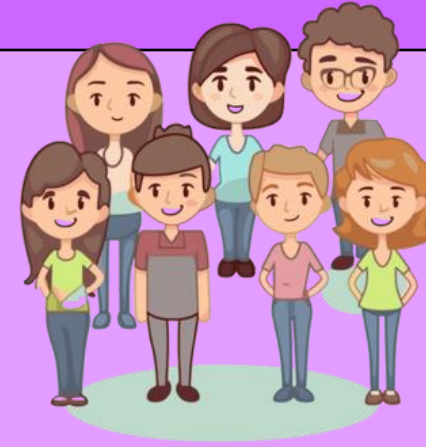


These are outward signs used in the sacrament of Baptism. They represent purity, Jesus as a light and guide, strength and the desire to live a Christian life. They are very simple and easy to understand signs which tell us something immediately about baptism and Christian life.

Day 4



Symbols



What are our school symbols? What do they mean? What symbols would represent you? If you had to design a symbol to represent yourself, what would it be? Can you make it?

Day 4



Today's Prayer

Lord,

We thank you for the gift of Baptism. Help us to use the strength you have given us and to follow the guiding light of Jesus in our life.

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Day 5

A new start.



Baptism represents a new beginning, a cleansing and a commitment to a life guided by the Holy Spirit. Jesus baptism marks the start of his public ministry, preparing him spiritually for the journey ahead.

"IN THE END, EVERY CHRISTIAN, MAN AND WOMEN, BY VIRTUE OF BAPTISM, HAS RECEIVED A MISSION. EACH ONE OF US HAS TO RESPOND, AS BEST WE CAN, TO THE LORD'S CALL TO BUILD UP HIS BODY, THE CHURCH."

POPE FRANCIS



After his Baptism, Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights. Whilst there, he rejects the Temptations of the Devil and accepts the new challenge of beginning his ministry.

What might be your new challenge this year? Have you set yourself any new year resolutions? What will you do to make them happen or to stick to them?

Day 5



Today's Prayer



JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 marks the start of the Jubilee Year of Hope. When we celebrate this jubilee year we are reminded that every moment with God is an opportunity for a fresh start. A jubilee is a time of renewal, forgiveness and joy- a time to trust in the promise that God's love makes all things new.

This year is a chance to let go of past mistakes and worries. Just as Jesus invites us to cast our burdens on Him, the jubilee reminds us that God's mercy is endless and His love gives us the strength to start again.

How can you be a source of hope to others this year?
What new beginnings is God calling you to embrace?
How can you grow closer to God during this Jubilee year?

As we walk through this holy year, as pilgrims of hope, may we remember that hope is alive in our hearts because God is with us. We trust in him, and let 2025 be a year of growth, joy and new possibilities. You are His beloved, and with Him the best is yet to come!

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.

Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.

Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

