

10 January 2021
FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus is baptised

verse for the week
A voice came
from heaven, "You
are my son, whom
I love, with you I
am well pleased."
MARK 1:11

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

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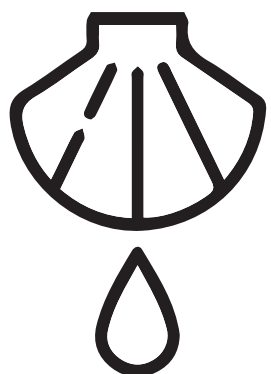
What do
you know or
remember about
the day you were
baptised?

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What happened
when Jesus was
baptised?

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What did God do
for you when you
were baptised?



Devotions

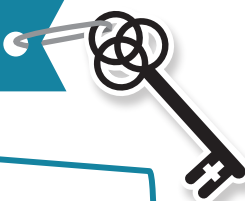


Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptised
M	Mark 9:2-8	Jesus is transfigured
T	Acts 19:1-7	Paul in Ephesus
W	Acts 22:2-16	Paul describes his baptism
T	Job 26:7-14	Job speaks of creation
F	Genesis 1:1-5	In the beginning
S	Psalms 29	A psalm of creation
S	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, we
have come to
worship you.
We give you the
gift of our hearts.
Amen.

BLESSING

Child of God,
may the Lord
give you his
Spirit and
make you sure
of his love.

Creative Response

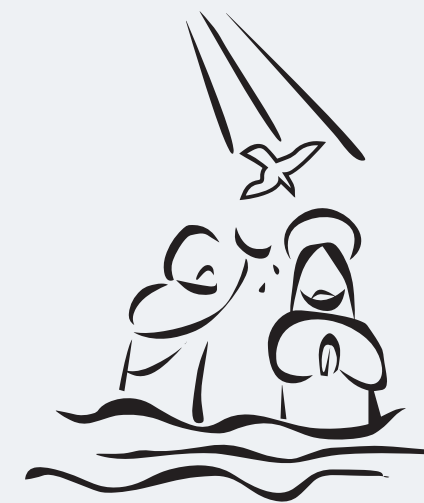
At the time of creation, the Spirit of God was "moving over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The same creative, life-giving Spirit of God was present and active when Jesus was baptised in the waters of the Jordan River (Mark 1:10), and is present and active whenever and wherever people are baptised in the name of Jesus (Mark 1:8, Acts 2:38).

Share a ritual of baptismal remembrance. Set out a bowl of water. Say these words in turn to each person:

(Name), you were baptised on (date) at (place). There and then God adopted you as his own and gave you the Holy Spirit. Remember today that you are his and that he loves you dearly.

Dip a finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. Then share this blessing with them:

May the Spirit of God move over you and in you, filling you with faith, hope, love and peace. Amen.



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Lord God, thank you for this wonderful meal and bless it to our bodies. Amen.

Service



God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighbourhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).

