

BAPTISM

A graphic illustration of water splashing with bubbles, overlaid with the word 'BAPTISM' in large blue letters. The water is depicted in various shades of blue, with a prominent splash across the middle and numerous bubbles of different sizes rising from below. The word 'BAPTISM' is rendered in a bold, sans-serif font, with the letters appearing to be partially submerged in the water.

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Key Vocabulary

These words will help you understand our learning today. Chat to your grown up about them.

garment	another word for a piece of clothing.
godparents	people chosen by your parents to help you develop your faith as you grow up.
promises	a declaration that you will do something.
anointed	to rub oil on someone as part of a religious ceremony.
Paschal candle	a special candle lit at Easter and used throughout the year.

Welcome to the Family

Baptism is the beginning of our welcome into God's family.



Symbols of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism uses the symbols of water, oil, light and a white garment to symbolise the cleansing, strengthening and guidance needed for our faith journey. Let's look at these symbols.



Our Learning

Today we will be learning all about the symbols of Baptism.

Baptism is one of **the 7 Sacraments of the Church** and is usually the **first** Sacrament you receive.

A Sacrament is a special event that **helps to bring us closer to Jesus.**

There are **7 Sacraments.**

We will be looking at some other Sacraments later this term.

Talk to your grown ups about your Baptism. Have a look at any photos of that day. Have a look at your Baptismal Candle or the white garment that you wore.

Our Learning



Baptism



Eucharist



Reconciliation



Confirmation



Marriage



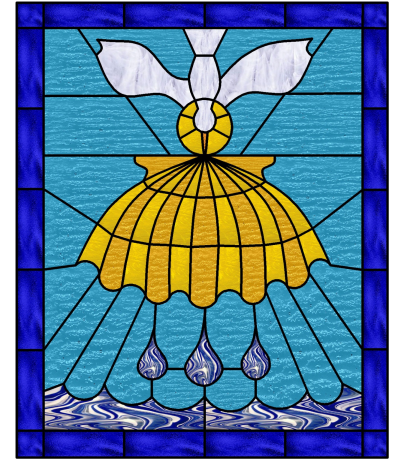
Holy Orders



**Anointing
Of The Sick**

Have you heard of any of the other Sacraments? Maybe you have been to a First Holy Communion or Confirmation Mass. Talk to your grown up about what you remember.

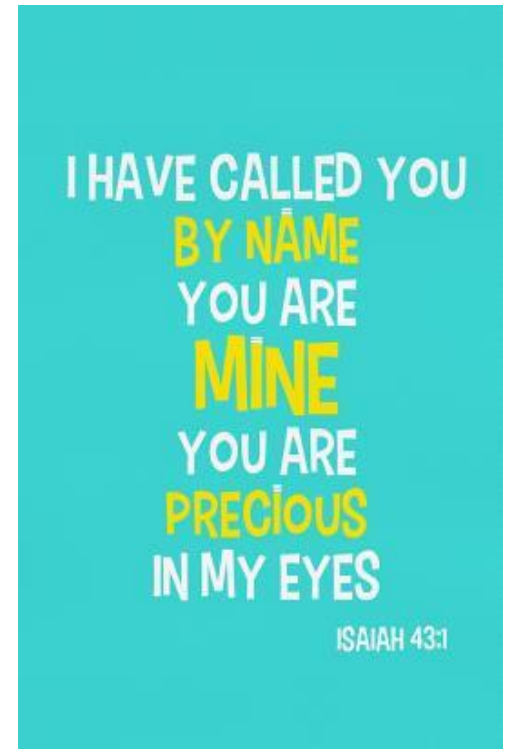
Water



At Our Lady and All Saints Church, we have Fr Phillip and Deacon Tom.

The **priest or deacon** pours water over the head of the baby and prays "*I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" This is for **cleansing and is a sign that our sins are washed away**. Water is essential for life and so is a sign of life. Without water we can not grow. Water is a sign of the new spiritual life into which the baptised person is entering.

Name

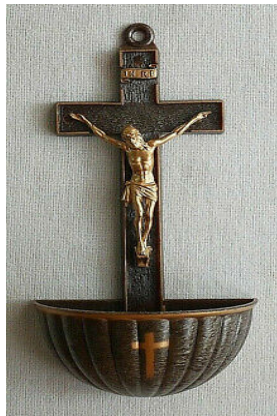


At your Baptism, you are given your name. This is a symbol that you are now called by Jesus to be one of His disciples and to carry on His work here on earth.

Sign of the Cross

The **priest or deacon** will make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead. This shows that the child is now a child of God.

Every time we go to mass we use holy water to make the sign of the cross again as we enter the church. This reminds us of our own Baptism.



Think about the times you have done this. How did it make you feel? Talk to your grown up about it.

Oil



Two kinds of oil are used in Baptism. **Oil of Baptism** is olive oil rubbed on the chest of the child. **It symbolises strength.** **Oil of Chrism** is a mixture of olive oil and balsam (sweet-smelling ointment) and is rubbed on the crown of the head. **It is a sign of sealing with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.** We say the child is **anointed** with these oils.

Promises

Parents and godparents will make promises that they will help the child grow in faith and follow Jesus' footsteps.

Godparents will be special people chosen by your parents.



This is Niamh at her Baptism. She is with her godparents as well as her mum and dad and one of her brothers. She is wearing a special dress and shawl – the same ones that I wore when I was baptised.



Light

A
Paschal
Candle

As a sign of the new life we have with Jesus after we are baptised, a **Baptismal Candle** will be lit using the flame from the Paschal (Easter) Candle. This flame symbolises the **light of Christ - the Light of the World**. Light warms and encourages, it gives safety and lights the way ahead. The baptised child is now called to see all things through the eyes of Jesus.



This is Niamh's
Baptismal
Candle

White Garment

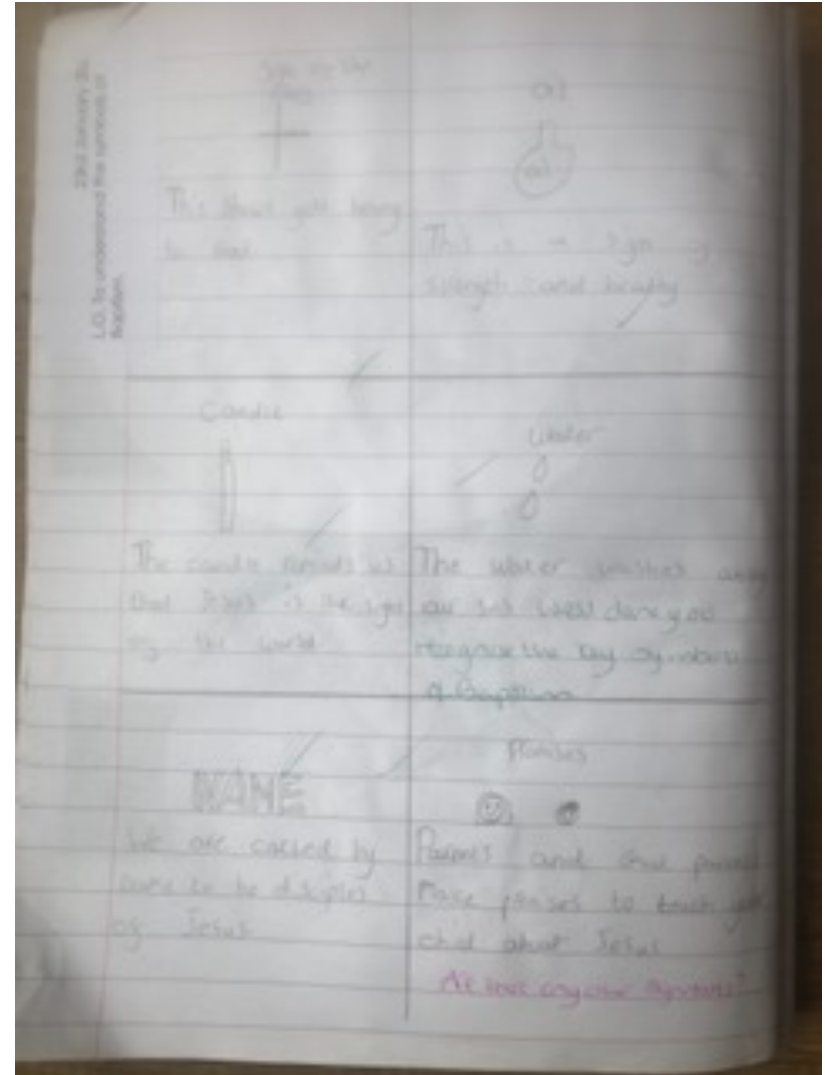


Clothing in a **white garment** is part of the ceremony to symbolise **a child's new life in Christ**. Families might have a special gown that they use or a shawl. Often these garments have been in the family for a long time. The colour white **symbolises life, purity, and our the new life that we have because of the resurrection.**

Your Task

I want you to create a poster showing the symbols of Baptism and explaining what each one means. Have a look at this example. You must include at least 6 symbols.

Can you include more?
Make sure you use your neatest handwriting and presentation.



Reflection

Think carefully about our learning today and consider the effect of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

What is the effect of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism?



Challenge



Think about these beautiful words from St. Teresa of Avila. How does this link to the Sacrament of Baptism?

Perhaps you could use these words during your family Liturgy.

"christ has no body now on earth
but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes
through which to look out
christ's compassion to the world
Yours are the feet with which
he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands
with which he is to bless men now."

-St. Teresa of Ávila

Well done Year 2. You are working so hard. I can't wait to see what you have done today, so please send lots of photos to me via our class- email.

