

St Bede's Catholic School

Weekly Theme

Theme - Baptism

9<sup>th</sup> January - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023



The liturgical  
colour is **Green**.

We are in  
**ORDINARY** time.

There was once a man named John the Baptist. He knew he had been born to be 'set apart for God'. John devoted his life to encouraging people to repent of their sins and prepare them for the coming of the Messiah.

John was not afraid to say what he thought. He had a voice of authority when he spoke and he used it to tell people to turn away from sin, and be baptised as a sign of repentance. People flocked to be baptised by him.

One day, Jesus came to the River Jordan to be baptised by John. John did not feel he was qualified to do such an important thing and he said, "I need to be baptised by you."

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now. It is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." John finally agreed and baptised Jesus.

*Why do you think John didn't feel qualified to Baptise Jesus?*

*Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be Baptised by John?*



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_dr9njVzKM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_dr9njVzKM)

## Domino Adiuvente

## Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament that a person receives in the Roman Catholic Church. It opens the door to all the other sacraments. Roman Catholics practice believe that it is important for a child of believing parents to be introduced into Christian life as soon as possible. People are usually Baptised as babies, however Baptism can take place at any point of a person's life.



### *Baptism of Jesus Feast Day Quick Facts*

- *Jesus was baptized as an adult (30 years old)*
- *St. John the Baptist baptised him*
- *The baptism is often depicted with the pouring of water by a shell*
- *He was baptized in the river Jordan*
- *The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove*
- *Voice came from heaven saying "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."*
- *Jesus' baptism is considered the beginning of his public ministry*
- *Directly following his baptism is when he was led to the desert where he was tempted for 40 days (what our season of Lent is based on).*

*Common symbols of baptism: water, dove, shell, candle*