

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Before you begin find:

the reading for this Sunday (in the Newsletter)
pencil, crayons and paper

Liturgy

Prayer:

God of light, you sent your Spirit down upon your Son Jesus at his baptism. Send us your Spirit too, so that we may be filled with the courage to do all that you ask of us. Amen

Reading:

Mark 1: 7 - 11

Questions:

1. John said that someone was to follow him. Who was that?
2. What did he say this person was like?
3. What did John say about his own baptism?

4. How was the new baptism going to be different?
5. What did people see when Jesus was baptised?
6. What did they hear?

Reflection:

Most of us are baptised when we are babies, so you might not remember it. Have you ever been to a baptism that you do remember? What happens at a baptism?

Talk the children through a baptism, the promises that are made on the child's behalf, pouring of water, anointing with oil, lighting of a candle etc.

We get baptised because through baptism our sins are forgiven. It is also the way that we are welcomed as a member of the Church community - a big family that stretches all around the world. We are committed to God and to trying to live our lives the way that God wants us to.

Now that we have been baptised God calls us to be kind and generous, to share with others and forgive others and to try always to do what is right. God asks us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

It is not easy, but in the same way that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus when he was baptised, we are baptised with water and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is there to help us when we find things difficult and to guide us to make the right choices.

We are all children of God, so how can we try to live our lives the way God wants us to in the coming week?

Activity:

At our baptism we are given a name. Write your name in big letters on a sheet of paper. Perhaps decorate it. What does your name mean? Why did your parents give you this name? God knows your name; he calls you by name, you are special to him

Prayer:

Loving God, you call us by our name and we are your children. Help us to share your message of love and hope with others, and to make the world a fairer place for all to live. Amen

The Baptism of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



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