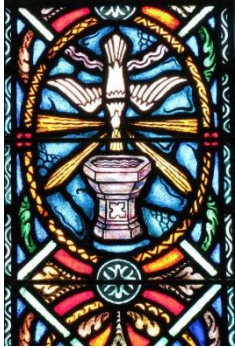


Baptism of the Lord (Year B)



Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

On Sunday we hear about how Jesus was baptised by John in the waters of the river Jordan. Water is a very important part of baptism, but it is also really important in our lives for other reasons. We all need water to live. Let's think today about all the ways we use water in our lives.

Opening prayer: Living God, we give thanks for water which gives us life. We pray that all your children around the world may have clean water to drink. Amen.



Jesus offers us new life in the water of our baptism and so together we pray:

We pray for all people around the world: that they may have clean water to drink and not have to travel long distances to collect it.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the work of CAFOD: that it may continue to help people so that they do not have to travel too far to get water.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that the Holy Spirit may move us to do what we can to help others and to try to make the world a fairer place for all people.

Lord, in your mercy...



Closing prayer:

God of life, help us to act so that no one goes thirsty and all people around the world have enough water for all their needs. Amen.



