

# Y3 Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024



# The Baptism of Our Lord



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# **CELEBRATING the SACRAMENTS**



# The 7 Sacraments



**Special celebrations that help us become better Christians and move us closer to Jesus**

**TASK: Use the symbols to help you work out the names of the 7 Sacraments**

# The 7 Sacraments

## 3 SETS

### **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

- BAPTISM
- EUCHARIST
- CONFIRMATION

### **SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

- RECONCILIATION
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK

### **SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE**

- HOLY ORDERS
- MARRIAGE

# Sacraments of Initiation: **BAPTISM**

## **BAPTISM**

**We become God's Children  
– we are part of God's  
family.**

**We receive the Holy Spirit**

### **SIGNS & SYMBOLS**

**Holy Water, Easter Candle,  
White Garment, Oil**





# Sacraments of Initiation: **BAPTISM**

## Parents

**Do you remember when you brought your child for Baptism?**

- As parents, you accepted the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the Catholic Faith.
- You promised to bring them up to keep God's commandments by loving God and our neighbour.
- The Godparents promised to help you in your duty as Christian parents.
- The parish community and the Church (through the priest) promised to support you in these duties.





# **Sacraments of Initiation: BAPTISM**

## **Parent Reflection**

**At your child's Baptism, you and the Godparents you chose, promised to raise your child in the Catholic faith.**

**Have you:**

- taught them to love God and our neighbours?**
- prayed with them?**
- brought them to Mass when you are able?**
- shared Bible stories with them?**

# Parent Reflection



BAPTISED

*into the family of God*

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

# Sacraments of Initiation: **THE EUCHARIST**

**We receive  
the **Body of Christ** for  
the first time during  
**First Holy Communion****

Parent/child discussion task:

**What are the 2 main symbols of The Eucharist and what do they represent?**



# **Sacraments of Initiation: CONFIRMATION**

**We receive the  
Holy Spirit (Y6)**

**We become  
full members of the  
Catholic Church**



## **SIGNS & SYMBOLS**

**Baptismal Candle, Oil of chrism, Saints  
name, Sponsors, Dove, Flames, Wind**

# **Sacrament before First Holy Communion**

## **RECONCILIATION**

### **CONFESSION**

**God forgives our sins through the Priest.**

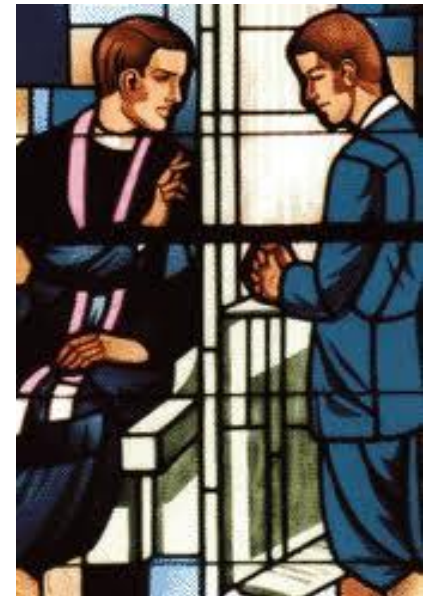
### **SIGNS & SYMBOLS**

**Confessing of sins**

**Express our sorrow**

**Act of Contrition**

**Absolution**



# What the school will do...

## **Teach the Year 3 Sacramental Curriculum**

- **Reconciliation**
- **We Listen to God's Word at Mass**
- **The Eucharist is a Thanksgiving to God**

**Support you and your child  
at this important time**



# Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

## Next steps

- As **parents, decide** if you wish your child to make these Sacraments.
- **Are you committed** to supporting your child in their journey of faith?
- **Is your child** committed to receiving the Sacraments?
- **Do you need to do more** to ensure that you are teaching your child about our faith?
- **Is this time to think** about your own faith and what it means to you?

# Task

Parents discuss with your children if you are both prepared for the **commitment** of receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion is the **first** of many more times when you will receive Communion.

**Will you continue to bring your children to Mass** so that they are able so they can experience the Eucharist again?

# Children's Footprint Task

What you are going to do **between now** and **receiving the Sacraments** to **become closer to God?**



I will become closer  
to God by...

Saying more  
prayers with my  
family

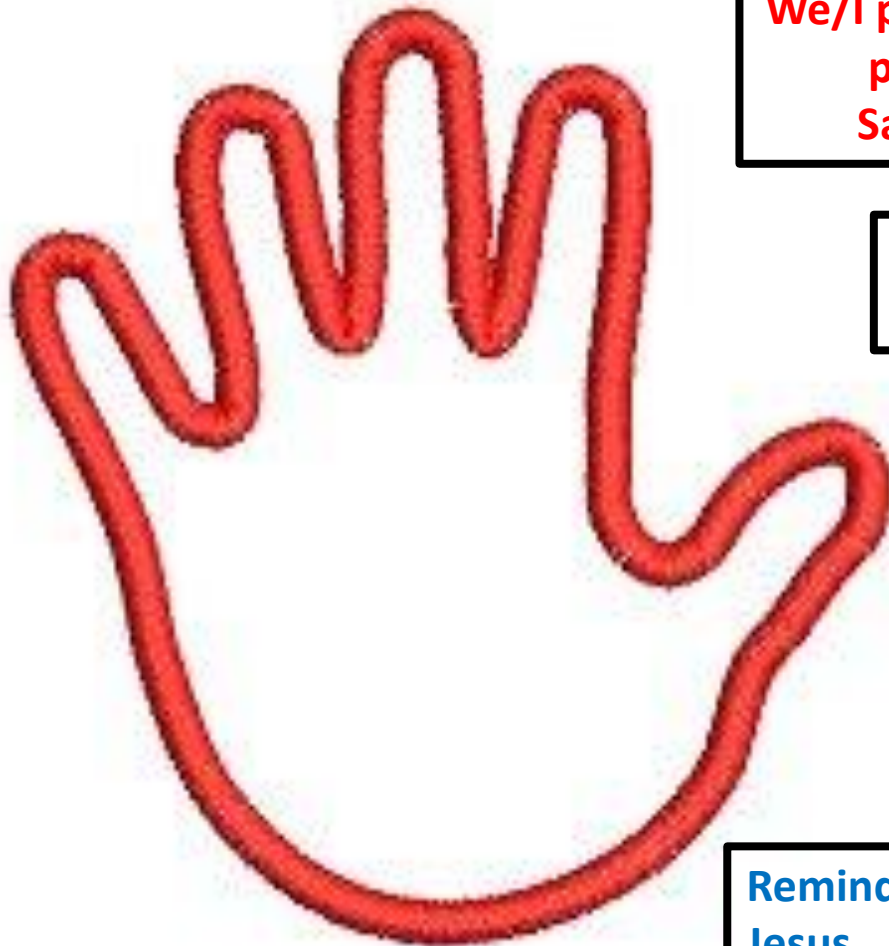
Reading Bible  
stories with my  
parents

Going to Mass  
more (in person  
or virtually)

Show kindness to  
others just as  
Jesus wants us to

# Parents' Handprint Task

**Parents** discuss with your child **how you are going to support them** on their journey of faith.



We/I promise to help you  
prepare for the  
Sacraments by...

Saying prayers with you  
before bedtime

Spending time with you  
to read the Bible together

Attending Mass in  
person together

Reminding you of the teachings of  
Jesus

# What Next?

- Let us know **before** the first Sacramental Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November **if you and your child no longer wish** to part of the Sacramental Programme.
- **Attend all** the **Meetings** and **Masses** between now and the receiving Sacraments.

**Any Questions?**

# Enrolment Mass

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

### 9:15 am for 9:30 start

- Children to wear school uniform and sit with their parent(s) throughout Mass.
- Children will take part throughout the Mass.
- Enrolment Service (Father Adrian).
- Children should receive a  **blessing**  at Communion.



# Enrolment Promises

**Father,**

Dear Parents, your child has already received the Sacrament of Baptism. Is it your wish that your child should now be

prepared to meet with Jesus in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist?

**Parents: It is**

**Father,**

Dear children, Jesus gives himself to you in Communion. Will you prepare yourself so that in May, you will be ready to receive him and to give of yourself to Jesus and to others?

**Children: I will**

**Father,**

A child's preparation cannot take place without the support and involvement of the family. Will you take a full part in the preparation of your child for the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

**Parents: We will**

**Father,**

In this community, the preparation of our children is shared between the family, the school and the Parish. Will you help teach, guide and pray for these children as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion?

**All: We will**

**Father,**

Children and Parents, the Parish of St. George and St. Martin's welcomes you in the Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

**Bidding Prayers**

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**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen**

