

Colouring In



John Baptises Jesus

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

New Beginnings

Baptism Of The Lord

This is an exciting time – it's the beginning of a brand new year! Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to do during the new year. Have you made any? Even if you haven't, a New Year is still a time to start with a fresh page, to forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is definitely a time for new beginnings!

Jesus experienced new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when he was baptised. There were a couple of very important things that happened when Jesus was baptised. First of all, today's Gospel tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and landed upon Jesus. The second thing was that God spoke and said, "You are my Son. I love you and I am well-pleased with you."

This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Up until that time, he had not performed any miracles, but with God's stamp of approval and with the spirit of God upon him, Jesus began to perform great miracles. From this new beginning, many people began to understand that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they began to follow him.

God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them as we live a new year, trying our best to follow Jesus' example. With the help of the Holy Spirit, let's pray that we too may make some good choices this year that God will be pleased about!

Word Search



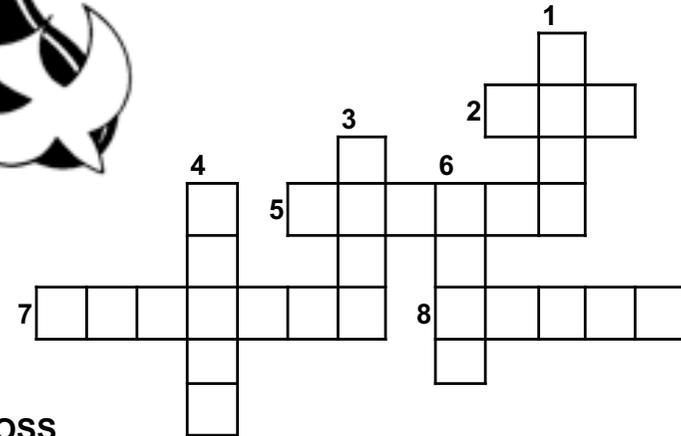
Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me with your own eyes. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe".

This word search is based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE
LOVE	JESUS	OPENED
DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED
SON	JORDAN	WATER
FULFILL	BAPTISED	SPIRIT

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A male offspring
- The river where Jesus was baptised
- To cover briefly / completely in water; to pour water over a person's head
- The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords

DOWN

- The name of the man who baptised Jesus
- A deep feeling of affection for a person
- Clear, colourless, odourless, tasteless liquid; H₂O
- A bird often used as a symbol of peace

Voice	Love	Water	Jordan
Son	Dove	Baptise	John

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. Thank you for our new beginnings! Through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, please help us to make the most of them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

