



The Baptism of the Lord

(Year A)

December 2025

Matthew 3:13-17

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



The Bible and Catholics

All Scripture is inspired by God

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptised by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice came from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."



(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission, see details below)*

John baptises Jesus in the river, and there is a voice from heaven that says something important. Whose voice do you think it is? What does God say?

God reminds everyone that Jesus is his son, and that Jesus is doing God's work on earth.

Water is very important in baptism. It is used to show that we are starting a new life with God. When you were baptised, the priest put holy water on your head and welcomed you into God's family.

Water is also important for other reasons. There are many ways that we use water every day. How many can you think of? Tell me what they are?

That's a lot of water! Are there any ways that we could save water so that we do not waste it? *E.g. turning the tap off when cleaning our teeth, using rainwater to water the garden etc.*

Mortikana lives in southern Ethiopia. Her village did not have access to a water source and Mortikana and the other women had to walk for six hours every day to collect water.

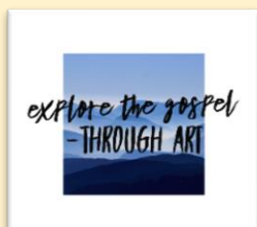
With CAFOD's help, a local organisation built a cement water tank that can store enough water for all of Mortikana's village. It's much closer as well, so the women no longer have to walk for hours for water.

It has made a huge difference as Mortikana explains, "I can look after my children at home and send them to school with water to keep them hydrated and focused... My children's life will be better than mine, more stable and happier."

We all need water to live, but so many people around the world don't have access to safe water. Or they have to travel a very long way to get any water at all. Can you imagine what that would be like?

What do you think we could do to help make sure that more people like Mortikana can get the water that they need?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



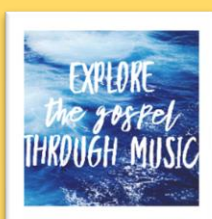
You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

Reliquary of the Journey and Adoration of the Magi,
Made in Limoges, France,
Circa 1200



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: [Word Made](#)

[Flesh](#) by Sr Virginia Vissing SSMN

Contemporary: [What A Beautiful Name](#) by Hillsong Worship

Contemporary: [This Little Light of Mine](#) Traditional - sung by Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School (VBS) Junior Choir



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Ten:Ten
Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to
this week?*

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE
CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17





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January 2026 - Liturgical Calendar			
Day	Date	Celebration	Rank
Thursday	1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of the Nativity)	solemnity
Friday	2	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	memorial
Saturday	3	Weekday of Christmas or Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Sunday	4	2nd Sunday after Christmas	
Monday	5	Weekday of Christmas	
Tuesday	6	The Epiphany of the Lord	solemnity
Wednesday	7	Weekday after Epiphany or St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	
Thursday	8	Weekday after Epiphany	
Friday	9	Weekday after Epiphany	
Saturday	10	Weekday after Epiphany	
Sunday	11	The Baptism of the Lord	feast (Wk 1)
Monday	12	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E)	
Tuesday	13	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Hilary, Bishop, Doct or of the Church	
Wednesday	14	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	15	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	16	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	17	St Anthony, abbot	memorial
Sunday	18	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wk II
Monday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Wulstan, Bishop (E)	
Tuesday	20	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr	
Wednesday	21	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	memorial
Thursday	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	
Friday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	memorial
Sunday	25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wk III
Monday	26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	memorial
Tuesday	27	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin	
Wednesday	28	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doct or of the Church	memorial
Thursday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	30	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	31	St John Bosco, Priest	memorial
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