



'We pray together at home.'

The Baptism of the Lord

Year B

'THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.'
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

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During this time when we may be unable to join together with our parish communities to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer you this resource as a way of engaging with the readings and prayers of the Mass. The readings are taken from the Lectionary for children.

These resources can be used whilst participating digitally in the many private Masses that priests in our diocese are offering online.

We hope you find this resource useful.

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Click here to find the full list of all online streamed Masses available throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/health/coronavirus.php#area3>



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Creating a place of prayer in the home.

Light a candle and gather together with your family. You might place a Crucifix of a Holy Image next to your candle. If you have a Bible, you may like to open the Bible to the readings that are going to be used during Mass today.

Use the link on the first page of this document to access Livestreamed Masses from around the Diocese.

We Gather together as God's family and ask for His Forgiveness

*We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

We turn to God asking for His guidance and strength in our lives.

Lord Jesus, You heal the sick- Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, You forgive sinners- Christ have mercy

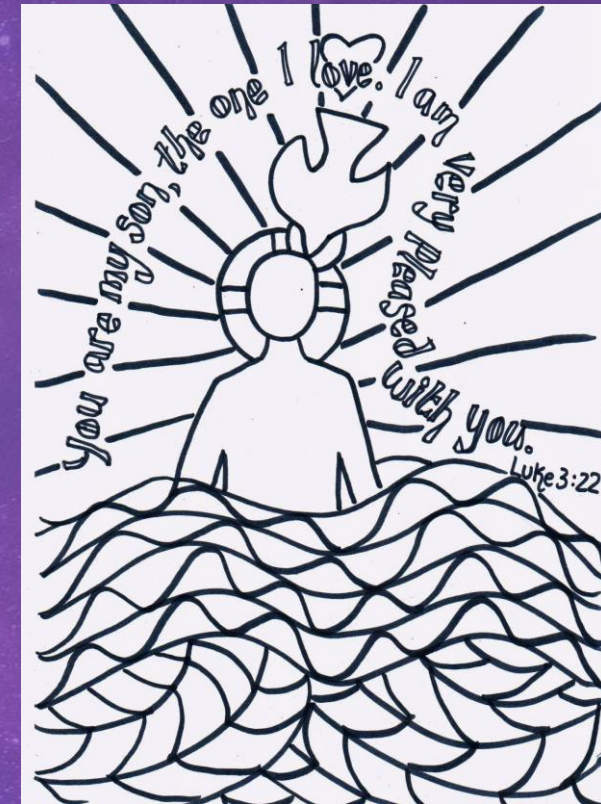
Lord Jesus, You give us yourself to feed us and bring us strength- Lord have mercy

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

We join with all the angels and saints as we sing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDLY8oOhVil>



We pray together

Dear God,

At our baptism, you promised to always be with us and to always love us. We promise to try to always love you and to always walk with you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen Amen

We Listen to the Word of God:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah
42:1-2, 4, 6-7

Here is my servant!

I have made him strong.

He is my chosen one, and I am pleased with him.

I will give him my Spirit,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

He won't shout or yell or call out in the streets.

He won't quit or give up until he brings justice to all the
earth,

and people in foreign lands long for his teaching.

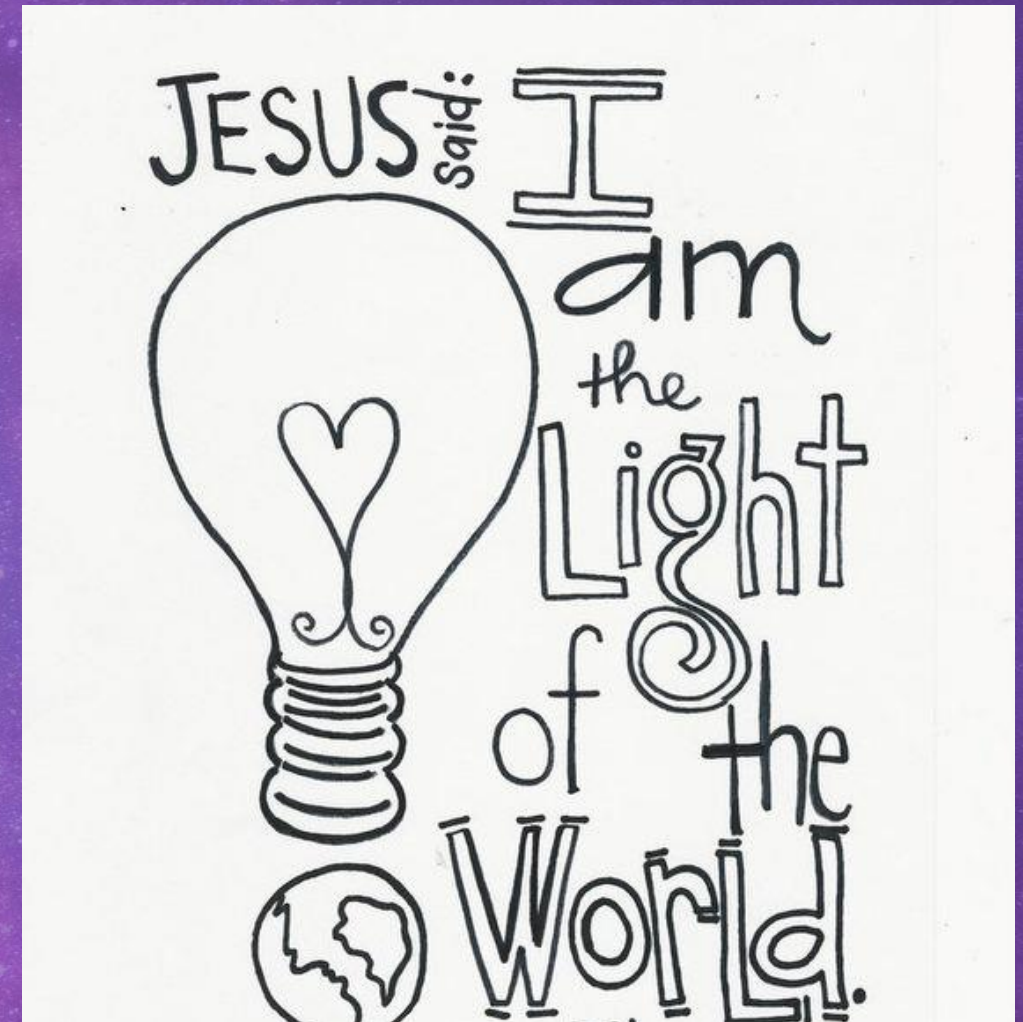
I, the Lord, chose you because of my kindness,
and I am here at your side.

I created and appointed you
to bring light and my promise of hope to the nations.

You will give sight to the blind
and set prisoners free from dark dungeons.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



We Listen to the Word of God:

The Responsorial Psalm

R The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord
echoes over the oceans.
He thunders above the roar
of the raging seas,
and his voice is mighty
and marvellous.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The glorious Lord God
thunders above the roar
of the raging seas,
and the temple is filled
with shouts of praise.
The Lord rules on his throne,
king of the flood forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**The LORD gives
strength to his
people; the LORD
blesses his people
with peace.**

- Psalm 29:11

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We Greet the Good News by saying:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

† A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
3:15-16, 21-22

Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?"

John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." After everyone else had been baptised, Jesus himself was baptised. Then as he prayed, the sky opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



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We Reflect on God's Word

In the Gospel today, we hear God the Father say: 'You are my Son whom I love. I am very pleased with you.' God the Father doesn't just say these words to Jesus, He says them to us as well! As you re-read the Gospel passage, add your name into the sentence said by God... 'You are..., my son or daughter whom I love. I am very pleased with you.'

Reflect on your own baptism today. Talk about this with your family. Why is a Baptism such a special moment in someone's life of faith?

We Profess our faith in God together:

I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit. Our God is three, Our God is One.

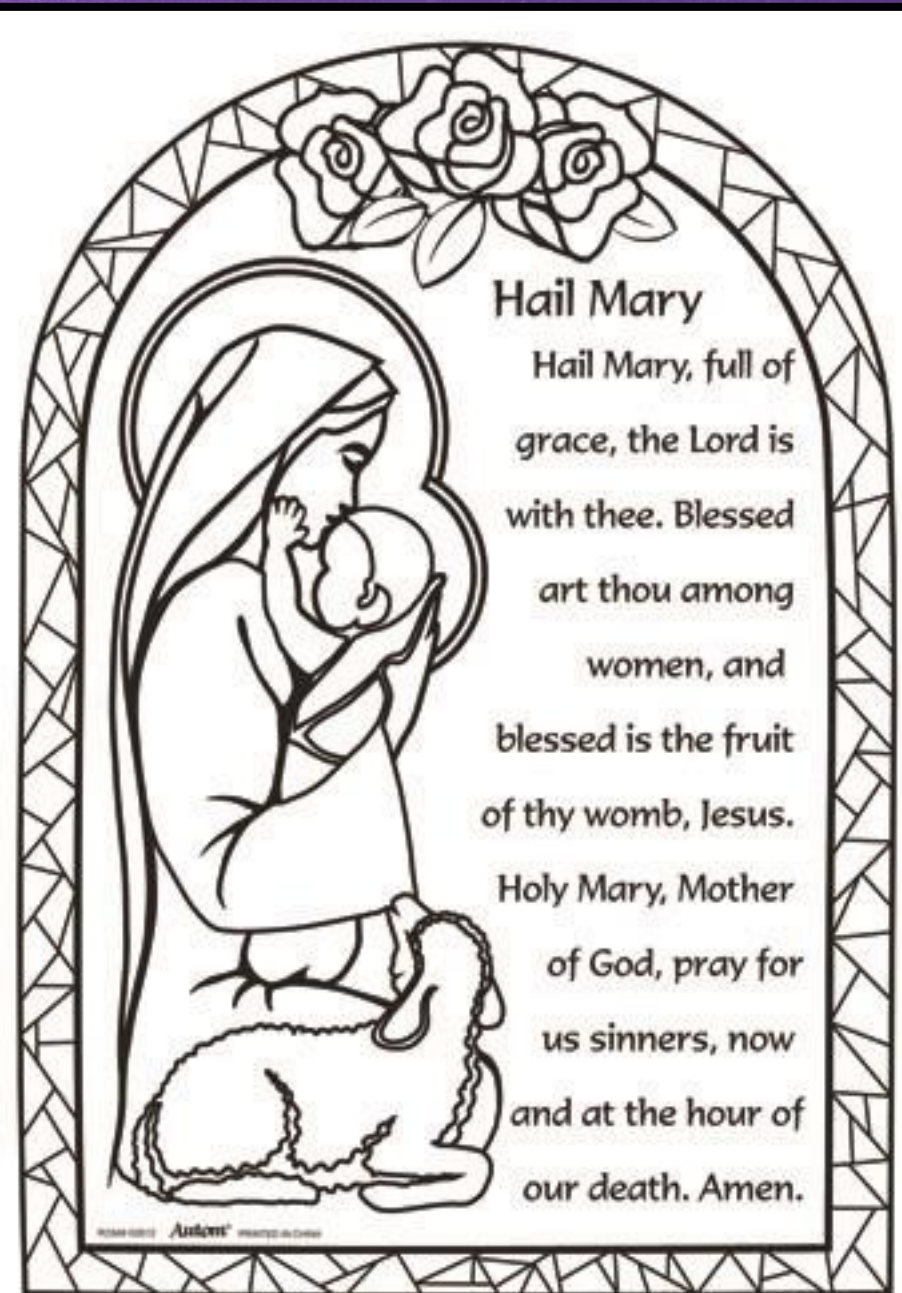
We Turn to the Lord in Prayer

We pause for a few moments and bring to mind the situations and people that we need to prayer for. We might share these aloud together...

We now turn to Our Blessed Lady and ask her to take our prayers to her

Son as we say:

Hail Mary...



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We Pray the Family Prayer of All Christians
Our Father...

We now make an Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen*

We end our time of prayer

May God Bless us and keep us safe.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*



We can join in the Celebration of Mass online by visiting the following website:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw

- St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle
(Sunday Mass at 11:30am- Daily Mass 12 noon)

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Activity Ideas from CAFOD

Activity suggestions

Invite your child to colour in the accompanying illustration and to write or draw on the back how they will try to live their lives as God wants them to in the coming week.

At our baptism we are given a name. You could spend time writing out their names on labels to wear, or simply calling their names out as a celebration of their unique place in God's family.

Create a big dove collage to represent the Holy Spirit and add on the things that the Holy Spirit brings to our lives both at the time of our baptism and beyond: courage, hope, joy, etc

Get out their baptismal candle after the liturgy, light it and to say a prayer together for all God's children - our family around the world. And remind them to try this week to live their lives as God wants us to - with kindness and generosity, as we try to make the world a better place for all to live.



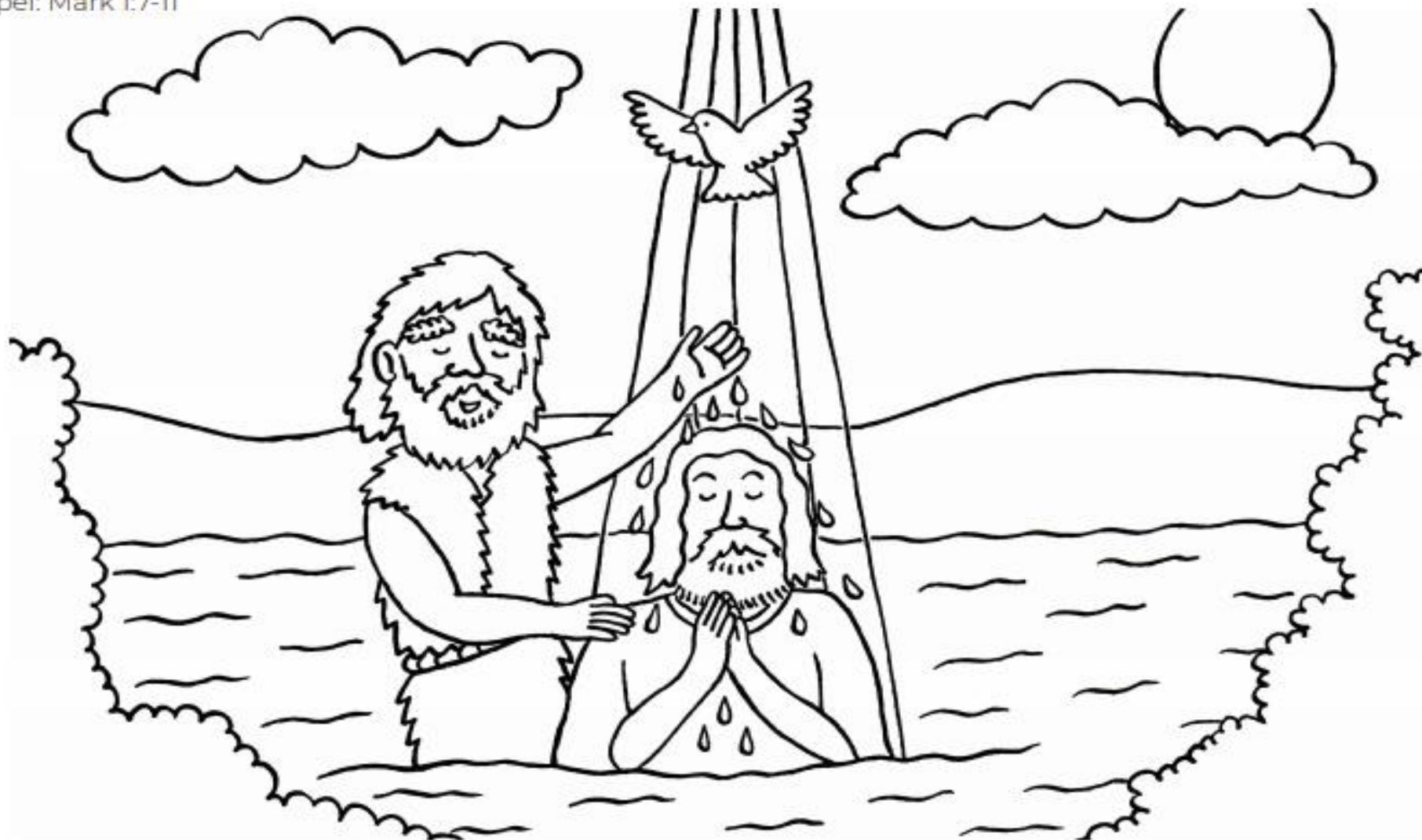
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Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



Find activities to do as a family at cafod.org.uk/families

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