

# Children's Newsletter

## St Mary's

### Mark 3:13-17

Today's Gospel tells us that when John the Baptist baptized Jesus a voice came from Heaven

God told everyone who was listening that Jesus was his Son



### Baptism of the Lord

### Symbols of Baptism

There are a number of symbols to do with Baptism. The first one is the candle. Candles have always been used as a sign of Jesus who is the Light of the World.

In Baptism the candle

is given to the parents so that the baby will always walk in the light.

The second symbol is the white garment, a sign of purity and that God now lives in the child.

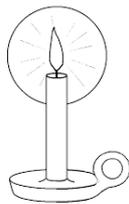
Water is the third symbol. Water is used to wash away Sin. The soul of the child becomes pure.

Can you design a card for a Baptism, using these symbols?

### Christmas-time ends

Today is the end of Christmastime.

After this week we start Sundays of Ordinary time and the priest will be wearing green vestments.



### Baptism

In the early church only adults were baptised. These early Christians were taught about their faith for several years. When they were ready they would be baptised at the Easter Vigil Mass. This is the Mass during the night before Easter Sunday.

### Vestments

This is the chasuble, which the priest wears on Sundays. During Christmastime it has been white. Next week it will be green.

The chasuble is a loose garment with no sleeves that is slipped over the head. It comes from the outdoor coats worn in Roman times. Priests have always worn them from that time. It is only worn by Priests and Bishops.



## Superhero

A superhero is someone who is able to do extraordinary things.

Over the weeks we are going to look at some superheroes of the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is the part of the Bible before Jesus was born.

## Moses

Moses was a young Jewish boy who was brought up in the Pharaoh's palace until he ran away.

When God told Moses to return to Egypt he did, and he persuaded the pharaoh to let the Jewish slaves go.

He had God's help and he led the Jews through the desert for 40 years until they came to the promised Land.

Moses did many miraculous things. One of them was when the Jews were leaving Egypt and they reached the Red Sea. Behind them the Egyptians were catching them up to bring them back to be slaves. The Jews were very scared but Moses lifted his staff and parted the Red Sea. The Jews crossed the sea on dry land. When the Egyptians tried to follow, Moses brought down his staff and the Sea rolled back and drowned them.

