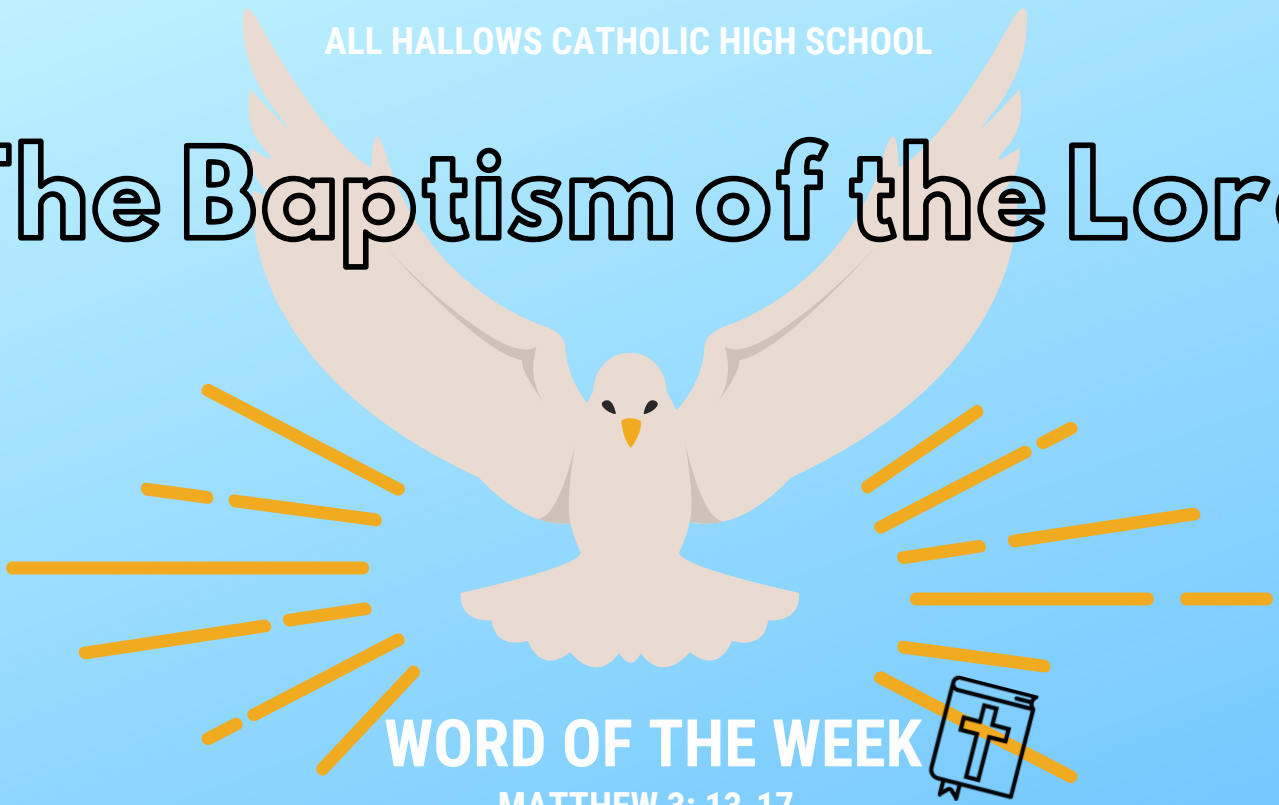


# The Baptism of the Lord



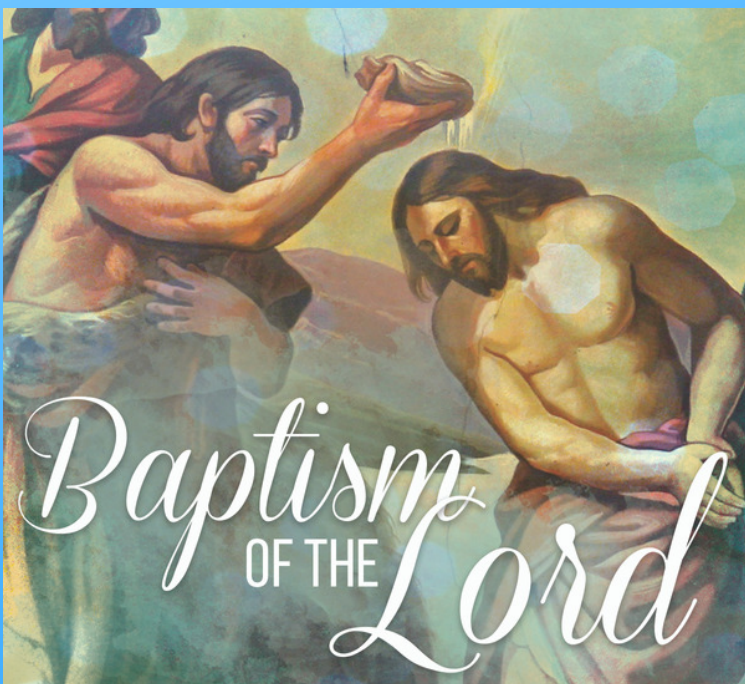
## WORD OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW 3: 13-17

*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. The heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."*



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed  
Him to be Your Son, anointing Him  
with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we may be faithful to our  
call as Children of God, listening to  
you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our  
unique and definite purpose.  
Amen.*

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

*Baptism is the way that we are welcomed into the Church.*

*Through baptism our sins are forgiven and we are committed to God and to trying to live our lives the way that God wants us to, calls us to.*

*It is not easy, but in the same way that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus when He was baptised, we are baptised with water and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is there to help us when we find things difficult and to guide us to make the right choices.*

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

*Talk to the person next to you and come up with a list of ways in which people can be named, e.g. daughter of Sue, sister or brother of John etc.*

*Just as we have many ways in which we might be named and identified, Jesus also was identified in many different ways.*

*Talk to the person next to you again and list as many different ways Jesus is named. Use your previous list to help e.g. Son of Mary.*

*In this week's Gospel from Matthew, we hear the name that Jesus was given by the voice from heaven after his baptism.*  
**GOD'S BELOVED SON.**

*When we are baptised in Jesus' name we are called by our baptismal name, and each of us are also named a "CHILD OF GOD". These names ought to be included on your list of names for yourself.*

*\*Brother or Sister of Jesus.*

*\*Child of God.*

*Just as Jesus learned what this meant in his life through prayer, so our prayer helps us learn what it means to be a child of God.*

## SOMETHING TO DO

*Listen to and watch the clip found on the shared drive: Who You Say I Am- Hillsong. (Staff Shared Area: Read Staff: Collective Worship: 2018-2019: Weekly Resources: 19.The Baptism of the Lord.)*

*Listen to the lyrics.*

*It is all about us being welcomed by God, as His children and what that means for us.*

*As you listen think about what it means for you to be a CHILD OF GOD.*

*Do you know that as a child of God you are loved and cherished and chosen by Him to do wonderful things. And no matter what, no matter what mistakes you make in life this will never change.*

*Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ.*



## WHAT'S ON

**Friday: Year 5 Tasters day for pupils from Our Lady and St Gerard's.**

**Friday: Year 8 retreat to Castlerigg**