



WATER:

Water is the main sign used in baptism. It points to growth, cleansing, refreshment and new life. Water will be poured over the head and the words "I Baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" will be said. This is essentially the moment of Baptism.

HOLY OIL AND THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

The sign of the cross will be made on the forehead using Holy Oil to symbolise that this newly baptised person belongs to Christ and that they are anointed for ministry (action) in the life of the Church.

LIGHT

Each newly Baptised person is given a lighted candle symbolising the light of Christ and the bringing out of darkness into new light. The candle will be lit from the great Easter Candle as a symbol of this newly baptised person sharing the light of Christ in this community of faith and the wider church. This candle was first lit at the Easter Service and the community renewed their Baptismal Promises around the candle on Easter Day.

All Saints Playgroup

Our Playgroup meets every Wednesday in School Term Time from 10am—11.30am. We meet in the Church Hall and all are welcome. Contact Caroline 5223 2389 or Jenny 52224047



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Holy Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

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Matthew 28:19-22



The Bible

In the letter of St. Paul to the Church in Rome we read:
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4

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The Meaning of Baptism

Jesus was Baptised by John the Baptist at the beginning of his ministry and Baptism was practised by many in the time of the Old Testament.

Our Christian understanding is that Jesus called upon us to be Baptised and that in doing so we are united with him and with The Father and Holy Spirit, We are made new and symbolically washed clean so that we might 'begin again' on our journey as followers of Jesus.

In our Anglican Communion we welcome children and adults in Baptism and we believe that in Baptism we are made members of one another in the Body of Christ, The Church Universal.

We, with the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Churches, the Uniting Church in Australia and many other Christian Churches and communities celebrate Baptism as a Sacrament of God's grace.

Baptism is then a celebration of the Church, not simply a private family event and we encourage all who come for Baptism to have the Baptism Service as part of the Sunday Worship of the Parish Community.



All Saints Parish

All Saints Anglican Parish is part of the Anglican Church of Australia. The parish began in 1867 and has been part of the story of Geelong ever since.

All people are welcome to participate in the life of the Parish.

Sunday Worship is the focus of the life of this Community and we welcome you to attend any of the following :

Sunday 7.45am Eucharist

Sunday 9.15am Eucharist for families with young children

Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist

There are weekday celebrations of the Eucharist at:

Tuesday 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.15am

The church building is open every day from 9.00am till 5.00pm and you are welcome to come to pray or rest or both.

The parish Pastoral Care Network has a special ministry to those who can not attend Church Services. Please let us know if you would like a visitor to call on you or a family member.

Our Vicar is Bishop Peter Danaher