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What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a Christian religious ceremony that is designed to help Christians get closer to God. There are seven sacraments.



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Baptism

This is when a person is welcomed into the Christian faith. The priest says, "I now baptise you in the name of the Father, the name of the Son and the name of the Holy Spirit." Then, water is sprinkled on the person's head. Usually, babies and young children are baptised but adults can be too.



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Eucharist

This is when Christians remember the death of Jesus on the cross by taking bread and wine. The priest repeats the words of Jesus and says, "This is my body," and "This is the chalice of my blood."

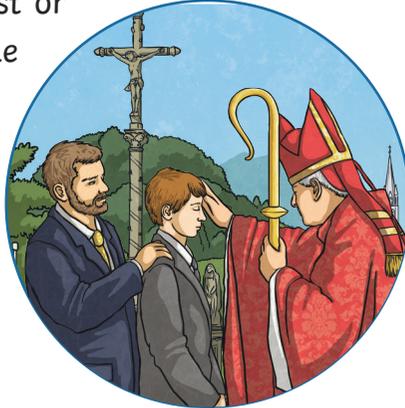


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Confirmation

Confirmation is when a Christian wants to develop their relationship with God. During this ceremony, Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The priest or bishop will lay their hands on the person's head and pray for them.

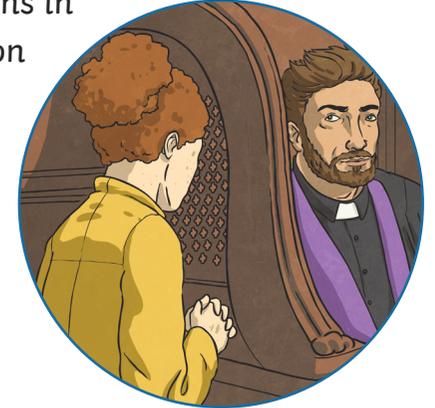
The sign on the cross is then made on the person's head using Holy Oil.



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Reconciliation

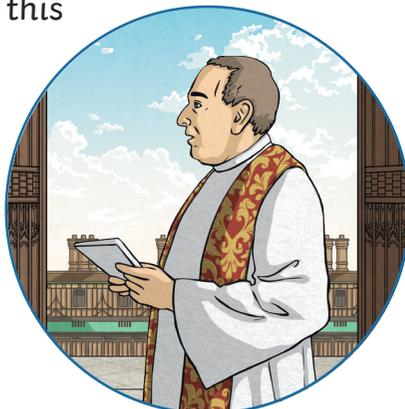
This is often known as 'confession' or sometimes as 'penance'. A person confesses their sins to the priest, who then says the words, "I absolve you of your sins in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."



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Anointing of the Sick

Anointing means to put special oil on a person. When a person is sick, they can ask the priest to pray for them and put Holy Oil on their head. Christians believe this may make them better.



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Marriage

This is when two people who love each other have a ceremony and get married. They make special promises called vows. Prayers, hymns and readings from the Bible are often included in a wedding service and rings are also exchanged.



Holy Orders

Holy Orders are when a person becomes a priest (a leader in the church). They promise to dedicate their life to serving God and the church. The word 'holy' means to be set apart for a special purpose.

