

**SACRAMENTS** are an outward sign of an inner blessing by God. These include **BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST OR HOLY COMMUNION, PENANCE, ANNOINTING THE SICK, ORDINATION OR BECOMING A VICAR AND MARRIAGE.**

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM** initiates people into the Christian church and is usually done as an infant but can also be done as an adult in fact some churches only allows adult baptism.

**CONFIRMATION** when old enough those people who have been baptised might commit themselves to the church confirming promises made on their behalf at baptism

**EUCHARIST** is the giving out of bread and wine that many churches practice during their Sunday services.

**PENANCE** the act of making up for things done wrong **RECONCILING** themselves with God. Catholics will confess sins to their priest to **ABSOLVE** (free) them from their sins. They are asked to carry out a penance, saying prayers or fasting.

**ANNOITING THE SICK** carried out by a catholic priest to someone who is very ill by pouring oil on a person's head, anointing.

**HOLY ORDERS** is when someone joins the priesthood, becomes **ORDAINED**.

**MARRIAGE** seen as sacrament as the couple have been brought together by God



**BAPTISM**

**BAPTISM** is carried out by an ordained minister. The **CHURCH OF ENGLAND** and **ROMAN CATHOLIC** churches baptise infants. Promises are made on the baby's behalf by parents and Godparents. It marks the child's entry into the family of the church. The **BAPTIST** church only baptise adults as Jesus was baptised as an adult and the person should be able to make the commitment themselves. Adult baptism involves the person being totally immersed in water and brought back up. It represents the death of their old sinful life hence the term **BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN**

To learn more about Baptism and Eucharist open the links below

<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/baptism-2/>

<http://request.org.uk/life/spirituality/communion->

**EUCHARIST**

Many Christian churches have Bread and wine during their service which is called the **EUCHARIST** (thanksgiving) in the Church of England and the **MASS** in the Roman Catholic church. It re-enacts the last supper Jesus had with his disciples where he passed bread around stating "take eat this is my body broken for you" and the passed wine to his disciples saying "take drink this is my blood shed for you". This is part of **LITURGICAL** worship.



**INTERPRETING THE EUCHARIST**

Different denominations see the **EUCHARIST** differently.

Roman Catholics believe the bread and wine change into the actual body and blood of Jesus during the ceremony which is called **TRANSUBSTANTIATION**.

The Church of England believe it is Christs presence spiritually that is present.

Other **PROTESTANTS** believe it is just an act of remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice