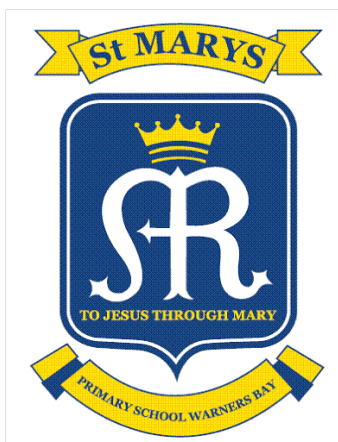


Jordan



The river where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John tried to make him change his mind, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, 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. Then 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."

(Matthew 3:13-17)