

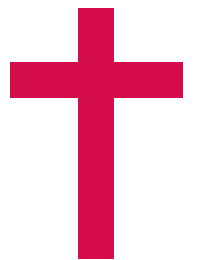
## R&W - Why is water symbolic?

<b>blissing</b>	Protection or help from God.
<b>cleansing</b>	The process of making something clean, often used in a physical, spiritual, or emotional context to remove dirt, impurities, or negative energies.
<b>commitment</b>	A promise or firm decision to do something.
<b>desert</b>	A dry, barren area of land where little precipitation occurs, making life conditions harsh.
<b>drought</b>	A long period without rain, causing water scarcity.
<b>festival</b>	A celebration, often for religious reasons.
<b>offering</b>	A gift as part of a religious or spiritual practice.
<b>precious</b>	Very valuable or important, often because of rarity.
<b>purity</b>	The state of being clean and free from impurities.
<b>renewal</b>	The process of being made new or fresh again.
<b>ritual</b>	A ceremonial act in various cultures.
<b>sacred</b>	Something so valuable it is not to be interfered with.
<b>scarcity</b>	The state of being scarce or in short supply, like water in deserts.
<b>symbolise</b>	To represent something else, often an idea or quality.

Water is crucial because it sustains plants, animals, and humans by keeping us hydrated and supporting growth. It also regulates Earth's climate and is vital for weather patterns replenishing our natural water sources.

Water purity is important in people's daily lives for drinking and bathing, and allowing nature to survive.

Baptism is a religious ceremony involving water to symbolise purification or admission into a faith community.



The Kumbh Mela in India, held every 12 years, draws people nationwide to bathe in symbolic waters, often waiting a long time for a brief moment of immersion.



Amrit Sanchar is a Sikh initiation ceremony involving the drinking and sprinkling of Amrit, sacred water, to show commitment to the faith.



Wudu is a method of cleaning used by many Muslims, often before prayer, involving the washing of the hands, face, arms and feet.

