

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	T7324
Unit Name	Baptism and Confirmation
Unit Weighting	9 cps
Type of Unit	Specialised unit
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions	27 cps in Theology
Academic Staff	Mervyn Duffy BSc (Victoria 1983), STB (Angelicum 1985), DipTeach (Victoria 1986), STL (Gregorian, Rome 2001), STD (Gregorian, Rome 2005)
Curriculum Objectives	This course unit shows how Baptism is the first Christian sacrament and how it mediates Christian faith and Christian identity, in Christ and in the Church. It presents an introduction to sacramental theology, taking baptism as a paradigm and considers the development of Confirmation as a separate sacrament.
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Demonstrate a familiarity with the biblical and traditional teaching on Baptism and Confirmation 2) Display a coherent understanding of the notion of sacrament and how Baptism fits this 3) Apply the Church's teachings on Baptism and Confirmation to case studies 4) Present a clear, coherent view of the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation 5) Analyse and critique ecumenical texts on baptism
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symbol and Ritual 2. Sacrament and the basic pattern of Christian identity 3. Biblical foundations of Christian Baptism 4. Baptism and Salvation 5. The role of the Holy Spirit in Baptism 6. The place of Confirmation in the West 7. Ecclesial dimensions of Baptism and Confirmation 8. Baptism and the Common Christian Faith
Teaching Methods	Seminars, Tutorials, Lectures, Student Presentations, Online Tutorials
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	Nil
Assessment Profile	<p>The required assessment tasks will enable students to demonstrate how successfully they can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyse recent writing on baptism (e.g. critical review, short essay) (Outcomes 2, 5) 2. Present a coherent theological understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation and apply this to a particular issue (e.g. essay, Exam) (Outcomes 3, 4) 3. Display a knowledge of biblical and historical sources relevant to these sacraments (e.g. student presentation, Quiz) (Outcome 1)

Representative References

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