

THE SILVER SUGAR BOWL

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In the early 1900's Grandad was a country vicar in Victoria. He travelled everywhere, horse and buggy transport. Locally he rode his bicycle. He always carried a shiny sugar bowl which served as a font for baptisms out where was no church. His great granddaughter still keeps it today as a sugar bowl, brightly shining. We will never forget its ecclesiastical use. I have a small communion set, portable. I have been able to take communion to sick people at home, or in hospitals. Our newsagent could not get to Church one Sunday.

We celebrated communion at the back of his shop, surrounded by

piles of papers and magazines. Communion was served to soldiers by chaplains at the front in New Guinea during WW2. The bread was a broken army biscuit and the wine, or fruit juice, carried in his pack.

Sometimes it is not possible to celebrate the sacraments in a Church with furniture appropriate for such purposes. We can do it simply and effectively in other ways. And the sacrament is real. John baptized in the Jordan and Jesus was baptized by him there. The Last Supper was served in an Upper Room, specially prepared. The sacraments of the Church are Baptism and The Lord's Supper.

Reflection:

What does it mean to be baptised in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit? What do the symbols of bread and wine represent in the Lord's Supper?

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