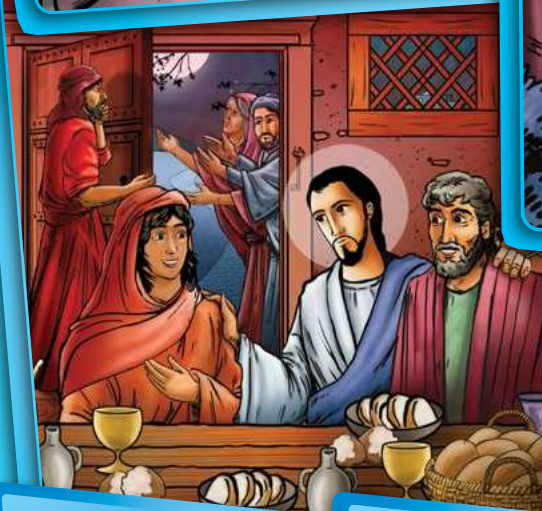
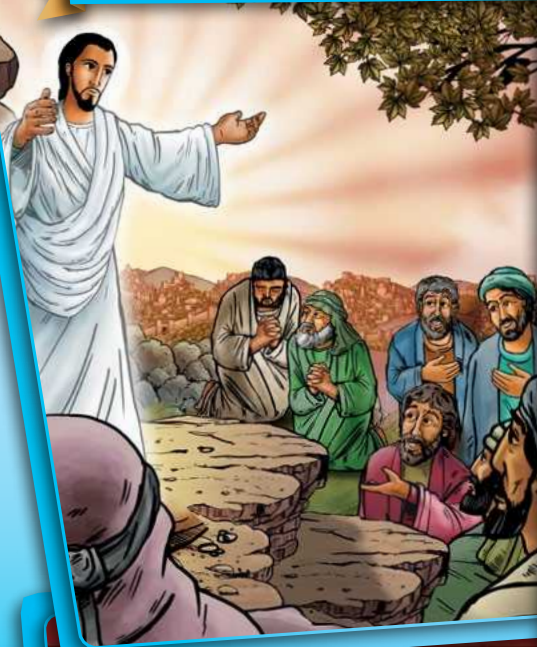


THE *Wednesday*
WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Good News
for Families**

Wednesday 22nd May

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

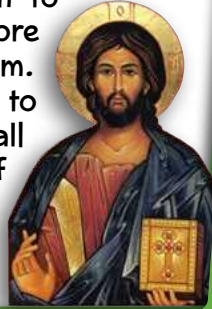
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22nd May 2024

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

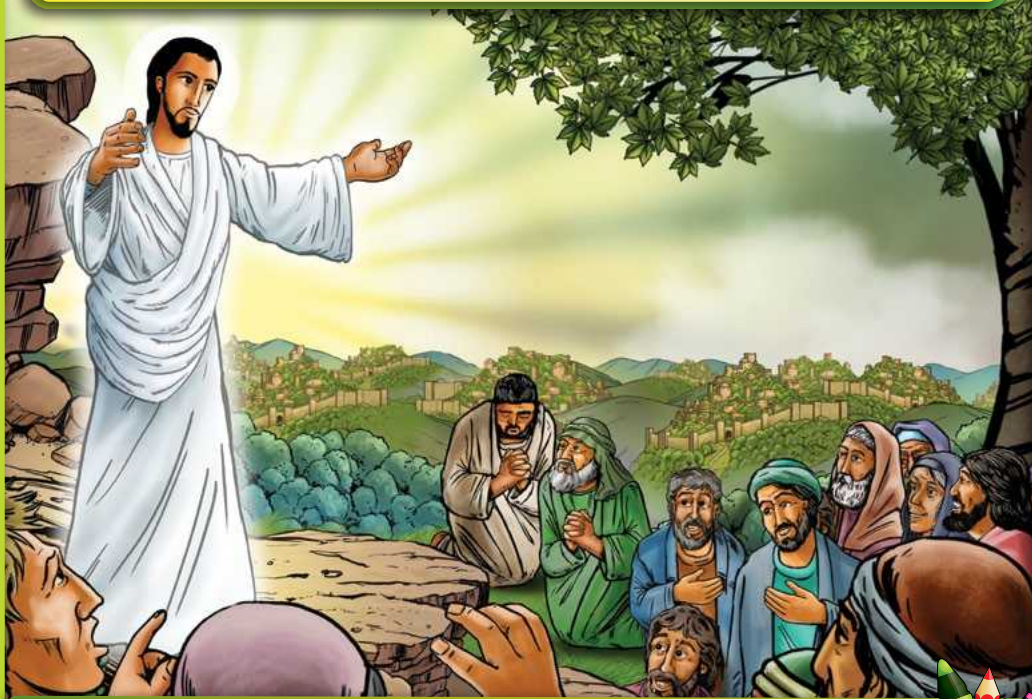
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

The eleven disciples went to Galilee. They came to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them after he had risen to new life. When they saw him they bowed down before him, though some hesitated. Then Jesus spoke to them. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," he said. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to keep all the commandments I have given you. And remember: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 26th May 2024 Cf. Matthew 28:16-20 (Trinity Sunday, Year B)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **FRIENDSHIP**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2

Wednesday's Word FRIENDSHIP



"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." *St Thomas Aquinas*

What did Jesus tell the disciples to remember? Before his death, Jesus was deserted by his friends. In this Sunday's Gospel we read how, after his resurrection, he assured his friends that he would be with them always, regardless of their weaknesses and faults. This same promise of eternal friendship is also offered to each one of us. Friendship is one of life's great blessings. Ask your child what the word 'friendship' means to them. Which friends do they spend the most time with? What is it that they like about them? Then, as a family, talk about the qualities that make a good friend (e.g. kindness, honesty, trust, loyalty, etc.). What could we do to be better friends this week?

"If Jesus dwells in a person as their friend, they can endure all things, for he helps and strengthens us. He is a true friend." *St Teresa of Avila*

Jesus wants to be our friend for all time. As a family, name ways in which we can recognise and experience Jesus' friendship. Perhaps it's through: the love we receive from our families and others around us; reading the Gospel; receiving the sacraments; sitting with Jesus in prayer, alone or with others gathered together in his name. Come and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity in church this Sunday. All are warmly invited.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your **friendship** and for all our **friends**. Help us to choose our **friends** wisely and to become better **friends** to them. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- GIVEN**
- AUTHORITY**
- BAPTISE**
- NATIONS**
- TEACH**
- COMMANDMENTS**
- JESUS**
- FOREVER**

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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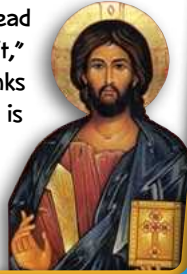
This Sunday is the Feast of The Most Holy Trinity.
 Saint Patrick used a three-leaved clover (a shamrock) to illustrate the mystery of the Trinity: it has three leaves but is just one plant. He did this to explain that in the one God, there are three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are bound together in love.

Wednesday
29th May 2024

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

The night before he was crucified, Jesus and his disciples had gathered to celebrate the Passover meal together. And, as they were eating, he took some bread and, when he had said the blessing, he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said. "This is my body." Then he took a cup and, when he had given thanks to God, he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." After psalms had been sung, they left for the Mount of Olives where Jesus was soon to be arrested.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 2nd June 2024 Cf. Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 (Corpus Christi, Year B)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **LIFE**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2

Wednesday's Word

LIFE



"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

What did Jesus call the bread as he broke it and gave it to his disciples? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus and his disciples are sharing the 'Last Supper' together. Jesus begins to prepare them for his departure from the world and offers them the gift of himself - his life. Jesus wants all people to share in the gift of his life because he loves us so much. Ask your child what the word 'life' means to them. Ask them who, or what, makes their life special. What is most important to them in their life just now? You might want to tell your child how they make your life special.

"We know well that with Jesus, life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything." *Pope Francis*

Jesus is the Bread of Life. He wants to make our lives special and complete, and he wants us to make life better for others too. In this coming week, how can we make life better for others at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: be kind and friendly to someone that we know but haven't really talked to before; be generous and share more; show our gratitude to all those who help us through life, and pray for them too; as a family, call someone who is lonely or not well; help someone to feel special and valued - to feel alive.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us and to us. Please help us to bring peace and happiness to the lives of those around us. Amen.

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- PASSOVER MEAL
- PSALMS SUNG
- JESUS CHRIST
- SACRIFICED LIFE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Cross out the letters
c k n
in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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The night _____ he was crucified, _____ and his disciples had _____ to celebrate the Passover _____ together.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi [two Latin words which mean 'the Body of Christ'].

This is traditionally a time when children make their First Holy Communion. Jesus is always with us but he is especially present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Wednesday
5th June 2024

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus went back home with his disciples, and such a large crowd had gathered that they did not even have chance to eat. When Jesus' family heard what he was doing, they set out to take him away with them, convinced he was out of his mind. Some teachers of the law came down from Jerusalem and were disapproving and complaining about him. They falsely and foolishly claimed that Jesus' powers were not from God, but that he was using evil powers to heal people. Then Jesus' concerned mother and brothers arrived outside and sent in a message asking for him to come out to them. A crowd was sitting round Jesus at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside asking for you.' Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother and who are my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting around him, he said, 'These people are also my mother and my brothers and sisters. Anyone who does the will of God is my brother or sister or mother.'

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 9th June 2024 Cf. Mark 3:20-35 (the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **FAMILY**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

FAMILY



"When Jesus chose and called the Apostles, He did not think of them as separate from one another, each one on his own, but together, because they were to stay with Him, united, like a single family." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say we must do to be part of his family? In the Gospel we hear Jesus saying how our openness and obedience to God is a sign that we belong to his family. Ask your child what the word 'family' means to them. What does it mean to belong to a family? Ask them what they like best about their family. Tell your child what you like best about the family.

"All God's children, of every people and language, are invited and called to be part of this great family, as brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of the one Father in heaven." Pope Francis

Jesus taught us that we are all children of God and we should live as brothers and sisters to each other. We show that we are part of Jesus' family by listening to his teaching and trying our best to follow it - by obeying God's will for our lives. Jesus was filled with love because of his closeness and obedience to God. Our families are filled with love too when we stay close to God. Each of you choose one way to bring more of God's love into your family this week. How can you show that same love to someone who is not in your immediate family?

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help my **family** to keep growing in the same love, warmth and understanding which you brought to your **family**. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- DISCIPLES
- MOTHER
- BROTHERS
- SISTERS
- LOVE
- GOD
- JESUS
- FAMILY

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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Cross out the letters **u l w** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, " _____ who _____ the will of God, is my _____ or sister or _____."

Jesus taught us that obeying God is how we show we're part of his family. This week, think of a rule or lesson from your family or faith that's about helping others. Put it into action! Maybe it's being patient, sharing, or speaking kindly.

This week I will try my best to...
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Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



THE WORD SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 26th May



Sunday 2nd June



Sunday 9th June

