



Wednesday 10th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is the feast of St Benedict, who introduced a special way of reading the Bible to Europe in the 6th Century. *The Wednesday Word* Family Time is based on St Benedict's way of praying and seeks to help you listen, with love, to God and to each other.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out his friends on an urgent mission with the instruction to heal and to share his message with all who will listen.

Jesus wants us to listen closely to his words. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life and how much we are loved by God. St Benedict reminds us, "Listen carefully to the Master's instructions."

Enjoy listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LISTENING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you."

"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs."

Mark 6:7

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 14th July 2024



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And he said to them, "If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them." So they set off to preach repentance, telling people to change their lives and turn back to God. And they cast out many unclean spirits, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Adapted from Mark 6:7-13

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.**

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

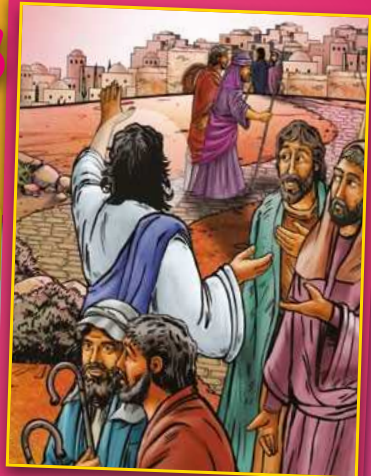
Good News for Everyone

Jesus' words have stood the test of time. They are rooted in love and can be trusted to guide us and our children well. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, or to the people whom he continues to send with his message. But he knows what's best for us and that listening to him, and really hearing what he says, helps us make wise and safe life-choices.



Good News for Families

10 MINUTES TOGETHER TIME



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus sent out his friends, the disciples, in pairs to tell the Good News of God. He told them to stay where they were made welcome. But if people did not listen to their message, they were to shake the dust off their feet as they left that house. So the disciples went out and started telling everyone to change their lives and to turn back to God, and they healed many people who were sick.

Jesus sent out his disciples to share his message with all who would listen. What did the disciples tell the people to do?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Listen carefully, and attend with the ear of your heart."

St Benedict - Patron of Europe (Feast Day 11th July)

LISTENING



Listening is a sign of real love - it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own.



It is important for us to listen if we are to learn and grow in wisdom. What do you think are the best ways that we can listen to Jesus through the coming summer holidays? Perhaps we can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when we wake up, throughout the day, or at bedtime - just for listening to God as He speaks to our heart; go to Church together; read the gospels in next week's *Wednesday Word Summer Special* throughout the summer holidays. What other ways can we think of?

3 + Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for always being ready to **listen** to us. Please help us to **listen** and understand and act on your words and to be good **listeners** to each other too. Amen.

FINDING FIVE

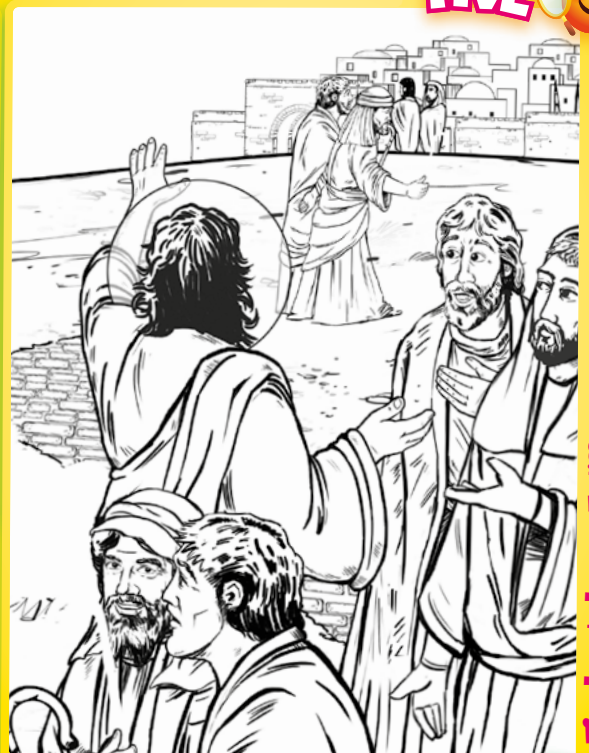
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- DISCIPLES PAIRS**
- JESUS SENDS**
- GOD'S MESSAGE**
- CHANGE LIVES**

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



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **c f h** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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_____ sent out his _____, the disciples,
in _____ to tell the _____ News of God.



Jesus loves us and wants us to spend time with him, listening to him and so allowing him to guide our lives.

Which times will you choose to quietly pray and listen to God throughout the coming summer holidays?



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley