



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, during his time on earth, Jesus was many things to many people. He was a teacher, a healer, a leader and, to some people, simply a very good person. But Peter finally realises the truth about Jesus and professes his faith in him as the Christ - the Son of the living God.

Wednesday 11th September 2024

Even though the disciples had witnessed Jesus' many miracles, they were still slow to understand Jesus' true identity. For us too, it takes time to get to know who Jesus really is, just as it takes time to get to know other friends.

Make a great start to this new school year by listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **JESUS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus loves us without limits. Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th September 2024



Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way Jesus put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said; "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

Adapted from Mark 8:27-35
The 24th Sunday of 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

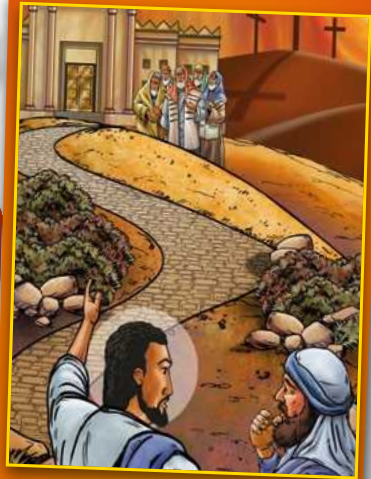
Good News for Everyone

Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. The more we know about Jesus through praying and reading about him in the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise and follow him. The special 'Together Time' overleaf is a great opportunity to be with Jesus, and to enhance family life together throughout the school year.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

Jesus and his disciples left for a village in the North. On the way Jesus asked his friends, the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist; others say you are one of the prophets who died a long time ago and has come back to life." Jesus then asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" It was Peter who spoke up. "You are the Christ," he said. Then Jesus began to teach them that he was destined to suffer, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

What two questions did Jesus ask his disciples?

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.

Sunday Gospel Gallery

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

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

"Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us." *Pope Francis*

JESUS



The name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means 'God saves'. Jesus came to save us from doing wrong - to show us and to teach us how to live good lives. Ask your child how they think of Jesus. Is he distant like a stranger, or close like a friend? Was he simply a good man, or is he the 'Christ'-the Son of the living God? Does your child have a favourite story about Jesus? What does your child like about Jesus?



Each of you choose something to do at home or at school to be more like Jesus for each other throughout this new school year. Perhaps you can: try to be patient with others; be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; be more generous and loving; forgive others; find regular time to pray for guidance, remembering to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and then try to do the same ourselves.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to understand and to know you - to listen to your words and to follow your way. Amen.

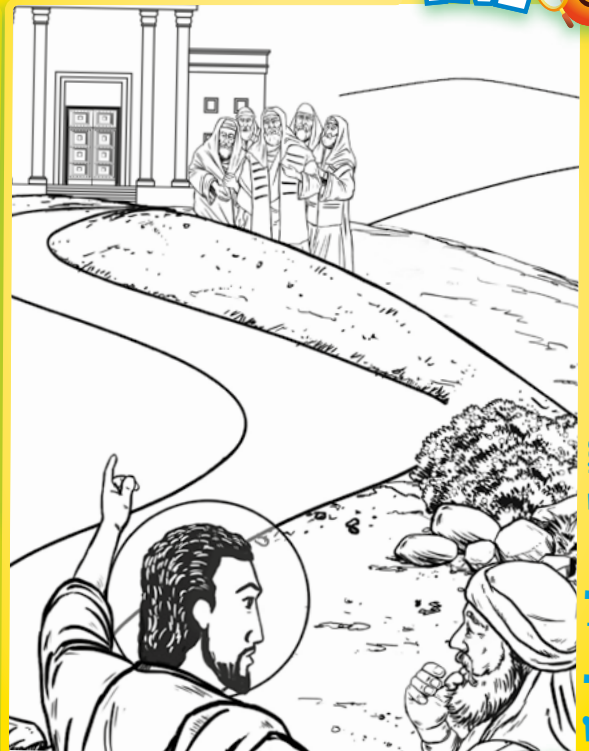


WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

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<input type="checkbox"/>	PETER SPOKE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **u b n** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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It was _____ who _____ up.

"You are the _____," he _____.

Schools throughout the world have been founded in honour of Jesus and that includes our school too. Let's say a quiet prayer today, and every school day, to thank Jesus for our school and for all the people who have served him by devoting their lives to helping us know Him.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

