

THE Wednesday
WORD

LENT & EASTER 2026

A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Wednesday 25th March

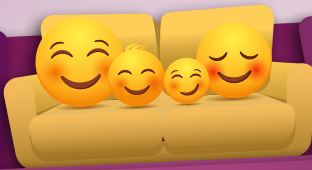
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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

Wednesday
25th March 2026



**Good News
for Families**

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?" "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee," was the reply.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 29th March 2026. Matthew 21:1-11 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY WEEK**.



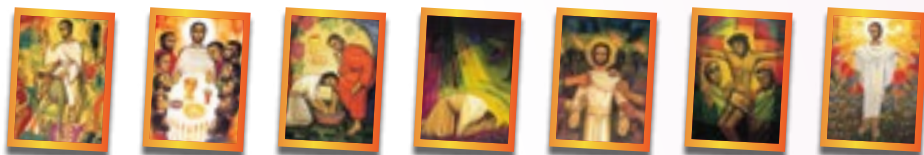
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"This week alone, unique in the full sense of the word, is the week of the Lord's Passion. It is Holy Week." *St John Paul II*

What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. You might like to tell your child something that you know about Holy Week. As a family, look at these small pictures together. What do they remind you of or make you think about?



"Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the Cross He gave us all of His love." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by the priest, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. To find out more about Holy Week, please see: cbcew.org.uk



Dear Lord Jesus, as **Holy Week** approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.



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

JESUS
JERUSALEM

RIDING
DONKEY

PEOPLE
PRAISING

WAVING
PALMS

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

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W	S	G	D	O	N	K	E	Y	K	A	W

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

chibmk knabmec Lobcrdk Hocsaknnab

"_____! Blessings on _____ who comes in the _____ of the _____!"

Wednesday
1st April 2026



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 5th April 2026. John 20:1-9 (Easter Sunday)

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

"Easter is the crown of all feasts, for on this day Christ conquered death." *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

2

What did Mary Magdalene see when she went to Jesus' tomb? This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday. All over the world, Christians rejoice in the wonderful truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection offers every one of us a fresh start and a share in his everlasting life. As a family, take a moment to look at the picture above. What feelings or thoughts come to you? Invite your child to tell the Easter story in their own words. You can help them by sharing something you've learned or experienced about Easter through the years.

3

Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can live with hope, knowing that God's love is stronger than anything. Everyone is warmly invited to take part in the Easter celebrations at church this weekend. As a family, think of simple ways you can make Easter Sunday special at home too. Is there someone you could brighten Easter for with a small act of kindness?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the joy of **Easter** and for the new life you bring. Fill our hearts with your peace and help us to share your love with those around us. Amen.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Wednesday
8th April 2026



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Thomas, who was one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when the risen Jesus came and stood among them. So when the others told him, "We have seen the Lord," Thomas answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors of the house were closed, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, who had doubted that Jesus had risen, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 12th April 2026. John 20:19-31 (the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

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

"He who has peace in his heart has Christ dwelling within him." *St. Gregory of Nyssa*

2

What were the first words that the Risen Jesus said to the disciples? The peace that Jesus promises to those who love him is an inner peace which comes from following him and knowing deep within ourselves that God is our Father. Ask your child what the word 'peace' means to them. Ask them when they feel most at peace, or when they feel most safe and not worried about anything. Do they know someone who is a good peacemaker – someone who always helps to ease trouble because they bring God's love with them?

3

True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. This peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of trouble or uncertainty. Peace, like love, is a gift to share. How can we bring peace to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: do what our parents and teachers ask us to do; pray and ask God that we may be filled with peace; remember to smile when we meet people; try to be peacemakers if our friends are arguing.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our special time together. Please help us to know your perfect **peace**, and to share that **peace** with those around us. Amen.

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Wednesday
15th April 2026



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

After Jesus had been crucified, two of his disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were feeling sad and talking together about all that had happened and how some women had seen a vision of angels who declared that Jesus was alive. Then as they were talking Jesus came and walked by their side and talked to them about the scriptures; but something prevented them from recognising him. As evening approached, the disciples begged Jesus to stay with them for supper. It was when Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them that their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but then he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" Filled with joy, they set out immediately and returned to their friends to tell them all that had happened and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 19th April 2026. Luke 24:13-35 (the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

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 **JESUS**.



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**"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Jesus,
and that we love him in return."** *St John Paul II*

Why were the disciples feeling sad when they were travelling to Emmaus? After his resurrection Jesus was seen by his closest friends and over 500 of his followers. Ask your child if they know what the name 'Jesus' means (parent help: 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. Does your child have a favourite story about Jesus? What does your child like about Jesus? It may help your child if you tell them something that you know and like about Jesus.

**"We must not fail to help our neighbours,
because in them we serve Jesus."** *St Rose of Lima*

Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. We can encounter him in prayer and in one another. The more we know about Jesus through reading the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise him. Knowing and following Jesus helps happiness and love to grow in our families. Each of you choose something to do for each other at home or at school to be more like Jesus. Perhaps we can: decide to pray each day; read the gospels together; remember to regularly ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and then try to do the same ourselves.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for always being there for us. Help us to recognise you as we journey through life together. Amen.



WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH



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



**TALKING
TOGETHER**

**BROKE
BREAD**

**EYES
OPENED**

**RECOGNISED
JESUS**



SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS
BACKWARDS OR **DIAGONALLY**

O	L	B	R	E	H	T	E	G	O	T	E
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Cross out
the letters

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in the jumbled
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_____ it to them and their _____ were opened.

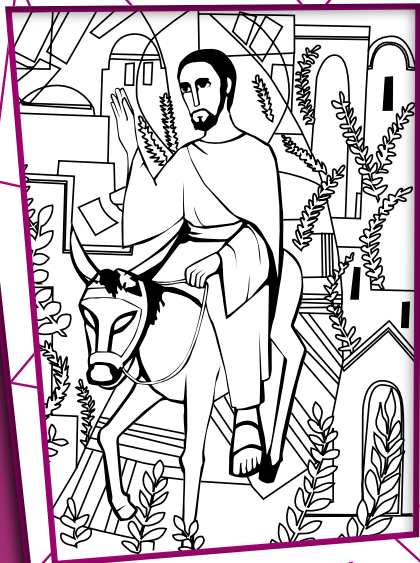
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On the road to Emmaus, Jesus first helped his disciples understand the scriptures before breaking and sharing the bread with them - which is what happens at Mass each time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

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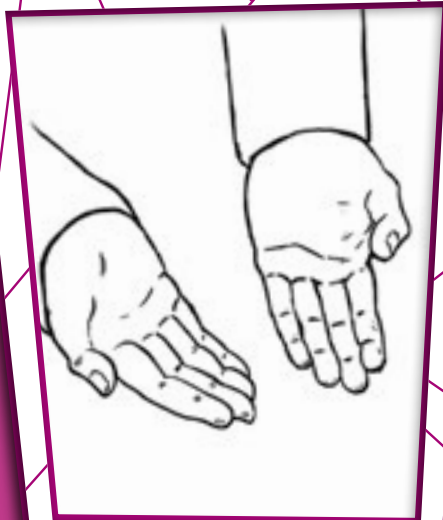




Sunday 29th March



Sunday 5th April



Sunday 12th April



Sunday 19th April