THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



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Good News for Families

Wednesday 21st October

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

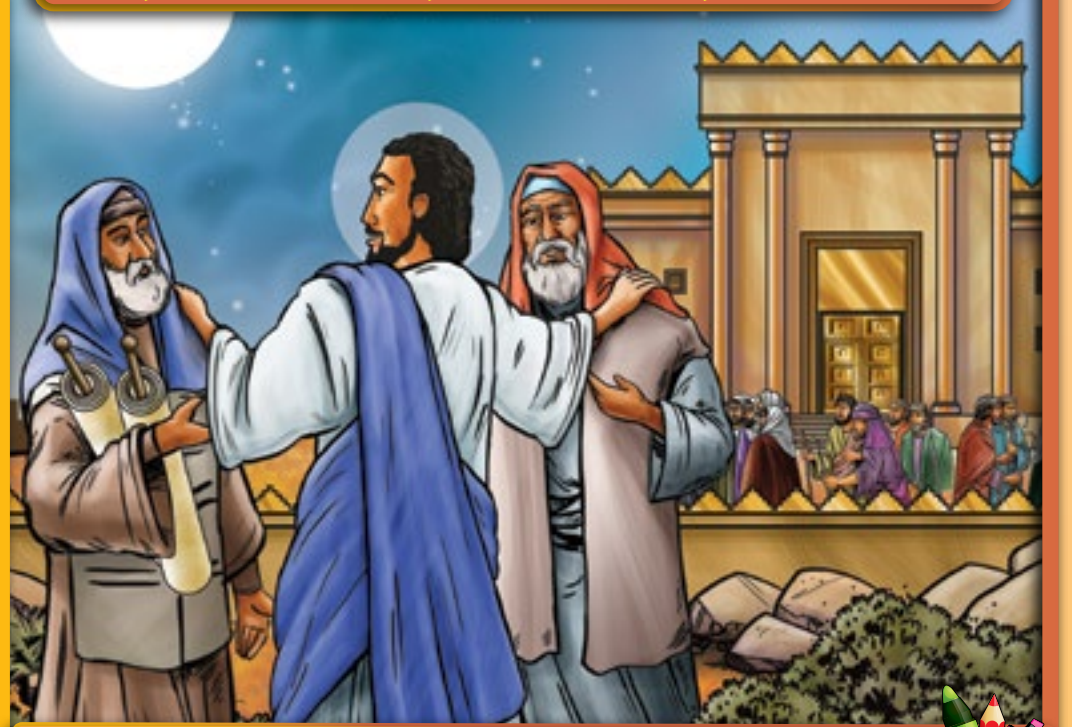
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."



From the Gospel of 25th October 2026 Cf. Matthew 22:34-40 (The 30th 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 **LOVE**.



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2 Wednesday's Word LOVE

"They who are filled with love are filled with God himself."
St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment? Loving God first, with all our heart, helps us to be more loving to one another. Is Jesus asking the impossible when he says that we should love others as we love ourselves? Each of you say what you think it means to love like this. Perhaps it is: being more patient, tolerant and understanding; forgiving others; treating people as your equal – treating them the way you would like to be treated yourself. Ask your child who they know that loves like this. By loving others as we love ourselves, we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following the greatest commandment in God's Law – to love.

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Each of you choose a special way in which you will show your love for God and for each other at home this week. Perhaps you can: show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; be peacemakers; pray for others, particularly anyone whom you may find difficult to like; look for a chance to help a teacher or a friend at school.

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Dear Lord Jesus, help us to love others as we love ourselves. Please help us to see that other people have needs too, and to love you through loving them. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- JESUS TEACHES
- FIRST LAW
- LOVE GOD
- HEART SOUL

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

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Cross out the letters **a c m** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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_____ the Lord _____ God with all your heart, and with all your _____, and _____ all your mind.

Jesus wants us to love each other.

When we care for and look after each other, through our words and through our actions, we are following Jesus' commandments.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Wednesday 28th October

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. "Blessed are people who know they need God, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. Blessed are people who are gentle, for the earth is theirs. Blessed are people who are sad now, for God will comfort them. Blessed are people who work for justice, for God will give them all they need. Blessed are people who show mercy, for they will have mercy shown to them. Blessed are the people whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Blessed are people who make peace, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are people who are treated badly for doing what God wants, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. So, blessed are you when people insult you and mistreat you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



From the Gospel of 1st November 2026 Cf. Matthew 5:1-12 (The Feast of All Saints)

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 **SAINTS**.



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2 Wednesday's Word SAINTS

"What does it mean to be "Blessed"? To be blessed means to be happy." *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

What did Jesus say belongs to people who know they need God? This Sunday we celebrate the feast of 'All Saints' – those people whom the church recognises as models of love and who are already in heaven. In this Sunday's Gospel, the blessings which promise happiness are called the Beatitudes and they show us the path that will lead us closer to God. The saints tried hard to follow the teaching of these beatitudes in their day-to-day lives – Jesus calls us to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'saint' means to them. Which saints have they heard about? Which one is their favourite and why? Are they, or you, named after a saint or do they know anyone who is named after a saint?

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (this Sunday's Gospel) is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has guided the saints throughout the ages. Did you know that the Catholic Church dedicates every Wednesday to Saint Joseph (the patron saint of families) and Wednesday Word Family Time is also dedicated to him? Which people do you know who try to follow these teachings and show some of the saintly qualities described in this Gospel? Each of you decide on one way that you can be a 'blessing' to others this week (you may want to read this Sunday's Gospel again for some ideas).

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to see and admire the saintly qualities in others and help me to grow more like you each day. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- JESUS
- CROWDS
- DISCIPLES
- BLESSED
- REJOICE
- GLAD
- REWARD
- HEAVEN

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

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Cross out the letters **o u k** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Blessed ____ people who know they _____ God, for ____ Kingdom of Heaven belongs to _____."

There are special saints to whom we can turn if we need help. These are called 'patron saints'. We can call upon these saints, taking our cares and concerns to them, knowing that they will pray to God with us and for us.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Wednesday 4th November

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty, so they went off to try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 8th November. Matthew 25:1-13 (The 32nd Sunday of 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 **WISDOM**.



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2 Wednesday's Word WISDOM

"God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love."
St Maximilian Kolbe

Which bridesmaids joined in the wedding feast? Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise? You may want to remind your child about a time when they made a wise choice – something which pleased you and made you proud of them. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a powerful way to show that we are growing in wisdom.

"Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good." *St James*

God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. Each of you choose a way in which you will try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through: not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others; reading the gospels together; going to church and listening carefully; praying to God for the gift of wisdom; listening to parents, carers, teachers and other truthful or wise people.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to grow in **wisdom**, to be kind and loving, and so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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BRIDESMAIDS
OIL
FOOLISH
WISE
EMPTY
FULL
KINGDOM
HEAVEN

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

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B	K	P	L	H	S	I	L	O	O	F

Cross out the letters **o u d** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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The _____ girls took _____ oil so they would be able to _____ their _____.

Wisdom is a real treasure, a virtue for us to nurture. True wisdom is discovering what God wants us to do, then trying our best to do it. It's about using knowledge well – having good judgement.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

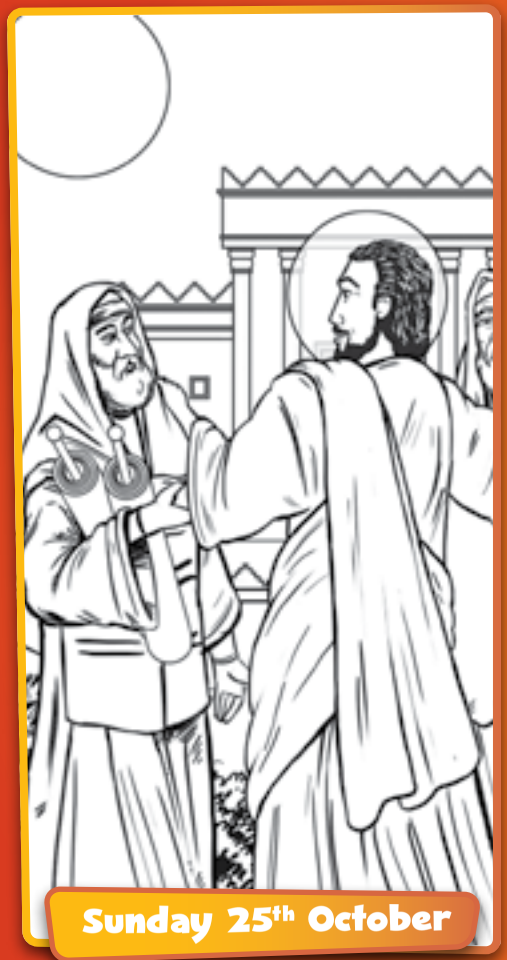
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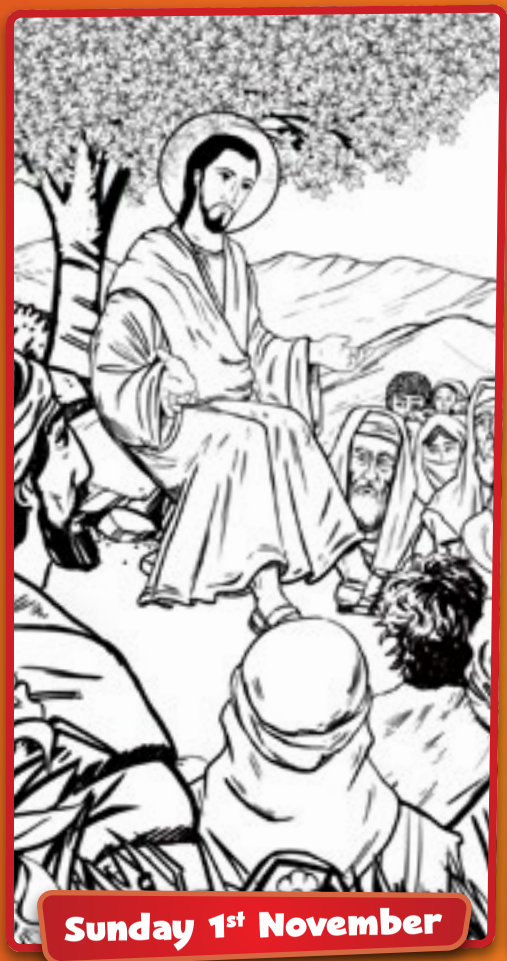
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THE WORD Wednesday SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY





Sunday 25th October



Sunday 1st November



Sunday 8th November