

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love,

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of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

See overleaf to enjoy a very special time together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 14th March 2021



Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. Everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear their actions should be exposed; but whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God."

Adapted from John 3:14-21
The 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." *Pope Francis*



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CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

God wants us to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own. Let's bring peace and joy into our community by sharing God's love, through our self-giving.



1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it and everyone who believes in him is saved. The light of the world has come, but many people turn away from it and prefer darkness. But those who live by the truth are drawn into the light, so that it can be clearly seen that what they do comes from their life with God."

Why did God send Jesus into the world? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

SELF-GIVING

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Loving God & Each Other

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."

St Teresa of Calcutta

It's our **self-giving** which helps to make the world a much better place. Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that your child knows - that is, people who put others' needs first? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared something or gave something up to help make someone else happy.

"It is in giving that we receive."

St Francis of Assisi

We all have gifts that we can give. How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; give someone a smile or a friendly word to help cheer them up; be polite, resist pushing in, and let others go first instead; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give up some of our leisure or play time to be with God in prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for **giving** your life for us. Thank you too for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and **self-giving**. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

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

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Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God _____ the _____ so much that he _____ his only _____."



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our daily lives are full of choices between good and bad - between light and dark (to be selfish or to be self-giving). As Easter approaches, let's choose to do the right thing - to 'live in the light' through being self-giving, just like Jesus.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

