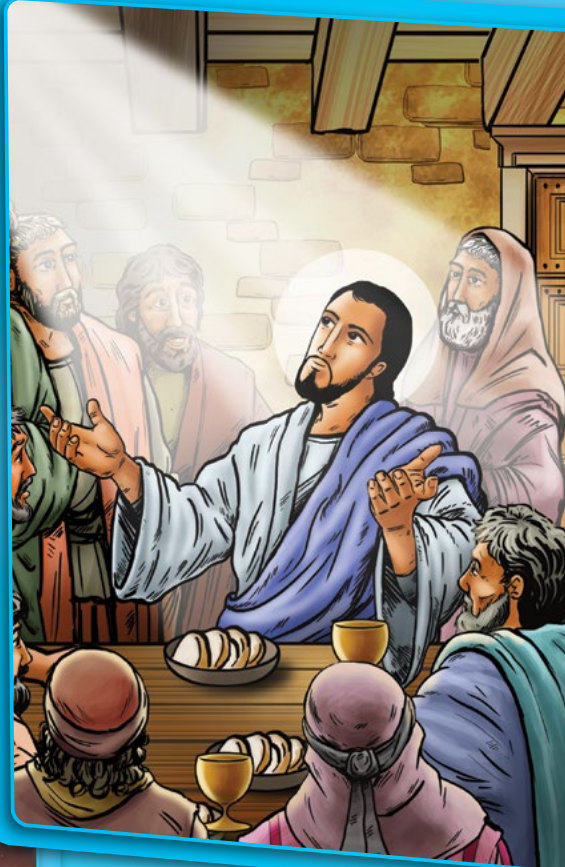


THE *Wednesday*
WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Good News
for Families**

Wednesday 21st May

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Wednesday
21st May 2025

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME



1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you. Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and shall return. I am going to the Father."



From the Gospel of Sunday 25th May 2025 Cf. John 14:23-29 (the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

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 **PEACE**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2

Wednesday's Word

PEACE



"Let's promote friendship and respect between people of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say his gift was to his friends? The instructions given by Jesus at the 'Last Supper', which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel, remind us that the peace Jesus gives is a special inner peace which comes from receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives. Through the sacrifice he made on the cross, Jesus won this peace for us. 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?

"Dear young people, let us pray for peace in our hearts." Pope Francis

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; not tease or make fun of friends, brothers or sisters; remember to smile when we meet people; try to be peacemakers if our friends are arguing. Why not, as a family, visit justice-and-peace.org.uk, get involved and help to promote peace around the world?

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit so that we can know your perfect **peace**. Please help us to share that **peace** with others. Amen

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

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

- FATHER**
- SEND**
- HOLY**
- SPIRIT**
- TEACH**
- REMIN**
- GIFT**
- PEACE**

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

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Cross out the letters **u h s** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Peace I _____ to you, a _____ the world _____ give. This is my _____ to you."



Jesus will always be there for us - he gives us the gift of peace. When he went back to his Father he sent the Holy Spirit to help us to live peacefully in his way. We are doing this when we try our best to share peace with others.

Wednesday
28th May 2025

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I am not praying only for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers say about me. I want all of them to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them."



From the Gospel of Sunday 1st June 2025 Cf. John 17:20-26 (the 7th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

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 **HELPER**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

HELPER



"May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts." Pope Francis

Who was Jesus praying for? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying that the disciples will stay united. Soon Jesus will return to heaven and he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper - to teach them and to be with them always. Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help to your child? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children, other people, or directly by the Holy Spirit, and describe the difference that this help made to your life. Then each of you talk about an occasion when you went out of your way to help someone.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others." St Augustine

We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain God will always help us, and he wants us to help others too. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; use kind words; set the table and clear the dishes. Is there anyone who may especially need your help at school or at work, or maybe even someone living in a far-off place? What could you do to help?

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care. Please help us to see the needs of others, and give us a growing desire to help them. Amen

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JESUS
- PRAYING
- EYES
- HEAVEN
- FAITH
- FOLLOWERS
- BELIEVE
- LOVE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Jesus _____, "I want all of _____ to be _____ with _____ other."

When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though, we can ask the Holy Spirit, our Helper, to guide and help us.

This week I will try my best to...
.....
Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Wednesday
4th June 2025

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will send you the Holy Spirit, the Helper, to be with you forever. Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you, but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you."



From the Gospel of Sunday 8th June 2025 Cf. John 14:15-16.23-26 (Pentecost, Year C)

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 **PENTECOST**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

PENTECOST



"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world." *Pope Francis*

Who did Jesus say the Father would send? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they have learnt at school about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." *Pope Francis*

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you, or help other people at home, at school, or in the community? Come and learn more about the great celebration of Pentecost in Church this Sunday, and be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit brings. All are warmly invited.

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Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at **Pentecost**, and also each day throughout the year.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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- JESUS**
- FATHER**
- SEND**
- HELPER**
- HOLY**
- SPIRIT**
- STAY**
- FOREVER**

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

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

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 _____ you of all the _____ I have said."

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago.

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 Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



THE Wednesday WORD SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 25th May



Sunday 1st June



Sunday 8th June

