



Wednesday 7th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction.

Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path.

Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life.

Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LIFE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A **Word** from
Pope Francis

"Life is a gift from God. The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 11th May 2025



Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

*Adapted from John 10:27-30
The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

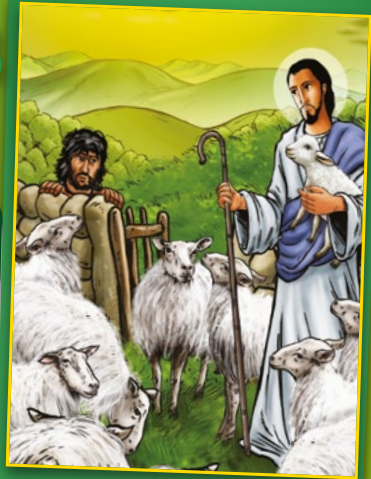
Having Hope
in our **Families**

Jesus wants us to share in his life because he loves us so much. He offers us eternal life and that's a gift which we can begin to receive today. When we listen to Jesus and follow him we can already begin to experience eternal life, to live in God's love, here and now!



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



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

One day, Jesus said to the disciples, "My sheep listen to my voice. I know my sheep and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

What does Jesus give to those who follow him?

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

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. 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...

"Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognise that life is God's gift."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

LIFE



Ask your child what the word 'life' means to them. Ask your child who, or what, makes their life happy right now. What is most important to them in their life? It may help your child if you tell them something that gives you life, or is important in your life. You might want to tell your child how they make your life special.



How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week, and make life better for others at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: always tell the truth; be generous and share; listen carefully to wise parents, teachers and other good people; show our gratitude to all those who teach and lead us through life, and pray for them too; help someone to feel special and valued - to feel alive.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through life. Please help us to follow you always. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

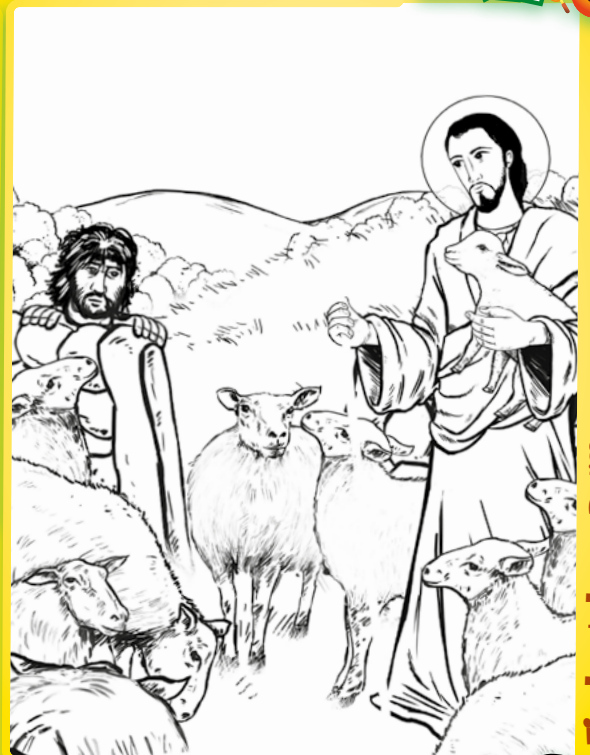
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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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

beterdnalu kunbowd shudebep fodlulowb

Jesus said, "I _____ my _____ and they _____ me. I give them _____ life."



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture



Jesus continues to be our Good Shepherd through the lives of people who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. He wants to make our lives special and complete, and he wants us to make life better for others too.



This week I will try my best to...

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Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley