



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community.

Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect - even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community.

Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school - together.

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

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



A Word from  
**Pope Francis**

*"Dear brothers and sisters, be an active presence in the community."*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024



After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

*Adapted from Mark 1:14-20*  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel  
in church: all are very warmly invited.**

**Good News  
for Everyone**

When we read the Gospels, we see that Jesus forms a community which receives his word, follows it, shares in his journey and becomes his family. Jesus came for everyone and with him we, and our children, will never be on our own.

To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)



# Good News for Families



## Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them."



### 1

One day, as Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew. They were fishing and Jesus called to them, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men: from now on you will be gathering people instead of fish." At once they left their nets and followed him. Further along the shore Jesus saw two more fishermen, James and his brother John; they were with their father and were mending their fishing nets. "Follow me," called Jesus. At once they left their father and followed him.

What did Jesus say the fishermen would be gathering from now on? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about?

### 2

## Wednesday's Word is ...

# COMMUNITY



### 3

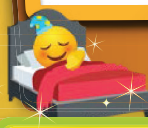
## Loving & Growing

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus starts to form a community. Ask your child what the word 'community' means to them. Which communities do they belong to (e.g. family, cubs, brownies, football, etc.)? Another word we could use for our school is 'community'. What does your child enjoy most about their school community? Can they remember who made them feel really welcome when they started school?

"The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." *Pope Francis*

Each of you name at least one thing that other family members are good at, which could help strengthen the family community. Without our own unique contribution to our community, something valuable will be missing. How can we also use our gifts for the good of the different communities we belong to? Perhaps we can: join a school team; welcome new people into our community; volunteer to use a gift or skill to help out with a project; join with others to support an online fundraising event.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our school and parish communities. Please help me say "Yes" to you, and enrich the communities to which I belong. Amen.



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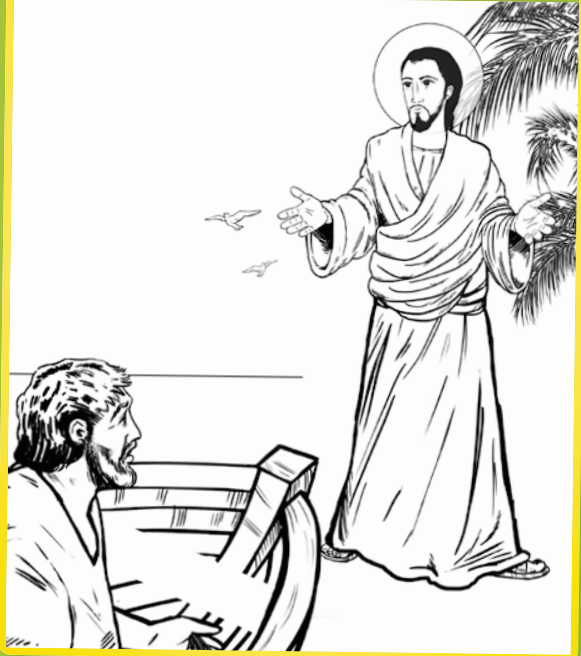
## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- GALILEE
- FISHERMEN
- LEFT NETS
- FOLLOWED JESUS
- GATHERING PEOPLE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture



Cross out the letters **b l p** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**malbkep flipsherbs Cobmelp Jebslusp**  
\_\_\_\_\_ called to them," \_\_\_\_\_, follow me  
and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ of men."

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus calling the fishermen to follow him. Today, Jesus calls people, like you and me, to help him - to build his community - a community built on love.



This week I will try my best to ...

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Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Print and complete the leaflet with your child & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends

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