



Wednesday 5th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him. But what is due to God in our own lives? Surely our thankfulness would be a good answer to this question.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God.

Being thankful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life.

Enjoy a special *Family Time* together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **THANKFULNESS**.

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 9th October 2022



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us."

When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now, as they were going away, they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Adapted from
Luke 17:11-19 (the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart. May we always say 'thank you' to God and to one another." Pope Francis



Thankfulness strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that making the right response to God's kindness, with praise and thankfulness, brings great joy into our lives.

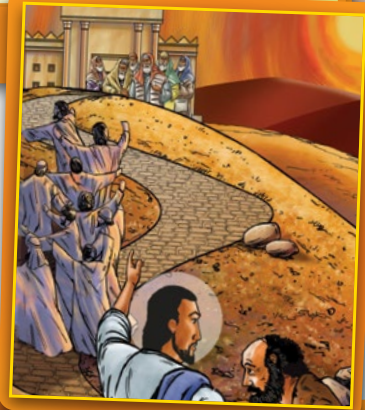


1 Our Special Time Together

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

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went into a village. Ten men with leprosy, a terrible skin disease, stood a long way off. They shouted, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." Jesus said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests as the Law teaches us." As they went on their way they were all healed. But only one of the ten, a Samaritan, turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

How many lepers returned to say thank you? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

THANKFULNESS

3

Loving God & Each Other

"In all things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give God thanks."

St Teresa of Avila

Ask your child what the word 'thankfulness' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'thankfulness' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really thankful to someone? How did they show their thanks to that person? Each of you name one or two things that (as well as your family) you are most thankful to God for.

"Be thankful for the smallest blessings, and you will deserve to receive greater blessings." *Thomas à Kempis*

Remembering to say 'thank you' to God regularly throughout the day helps love to grow. Who else will you remember to thank this week? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with a hug, kind words, a thank-you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering them your help)?

Dear Lord Jesus, **thank** you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always **thankful** to you and to show our **thankfulness** by loving those around us. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



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LEPERS**



**SHOUTED
HEALED**



**ONE
RETURNED**



**THANKED
JESUS**

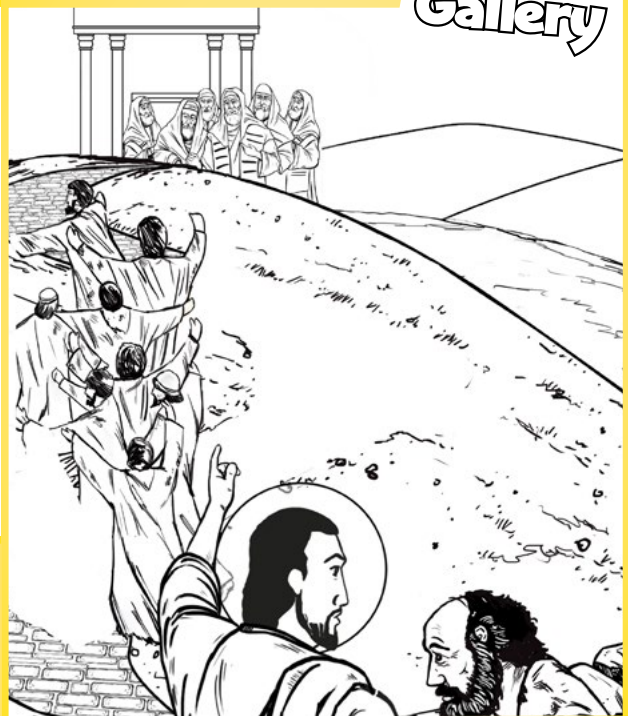


SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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

bamtu tuhrebmw thumankbed febemtu

"The Samaritan _____ himself _____ the
_____ of Jesus and _____ him."



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

THANKFULNESS

It is good for us to be thankful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

