

THE Wednesday WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the tremendous care that Jesus (the good shepherd of the Gospel) has for each one of us. The images of seeking, finding and rejoicing act as symbols of God's care and unconditional love - the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us.

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

Wednesday 7th September 2022

A caring heart is a happy heart. We are all part of God's family and when we show care for others we are showing care for God too.

Just follow the three simple steps overleaf to enjoy a very special time together hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CARE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 11th September 2022



The scribes and the Pharisees were complaining about Jesus. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them: "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' he would say. 'I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous people who have no need of repentance."

Adapted from

Luke 15:1-32 (the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another." Pope Francis



HAVING FAITH IN YOUR FAMILY

The Gospel above or the **FAMILY TIME** section overleaf can be read independently by adults or children alike. However, reading the Gospel as a family really does help the family to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

Throughout the world, our catholic schools and parishes care for millions of children. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

The teachers of the Law were complaining about Jesus. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told the people a story. He said, "Suppose you were a shepherd who had a hundred sheep and one of them got lost. What would you do? Wouldn't you leave the other ninety-nine sheep that were safely grazing and go looking for the one sheep that got lost? And when you found it, wouldn't you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home? You would be so happy and you would call your friends and neighbours together saying, 'I have found my sheep that was lost. Come and celebrate with me.'"

Why were the teachers of the Law complaining? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

CARE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Cast your cares upon God, for you are his and he will not forget you."

St John of the Cross

Ask your child what the word 'care' means to them. Who do you know to be a caring person? Each of you give an example of where or when you feel God's care. Perhaps it is sometimes through: the love of your family and your friends; spending time alone with God in prayer at home; worshipping God with others; counting your blessings; receiving help from others.

"Trust the present to God's love and the future to God's care." *St Augustine of Hippo*

Jesus loves us and cares for us – just like a good shepherd cares for all the sheep – and he wants us to care for others. Each of you talk about a time when you recently showed your care for someone. Is there anyone who needs your care right now? Choose a way in which you will especially start to show your care for others and for the earth, our common home, as we begin this new school year.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care. Please help us to care for creation and to do your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

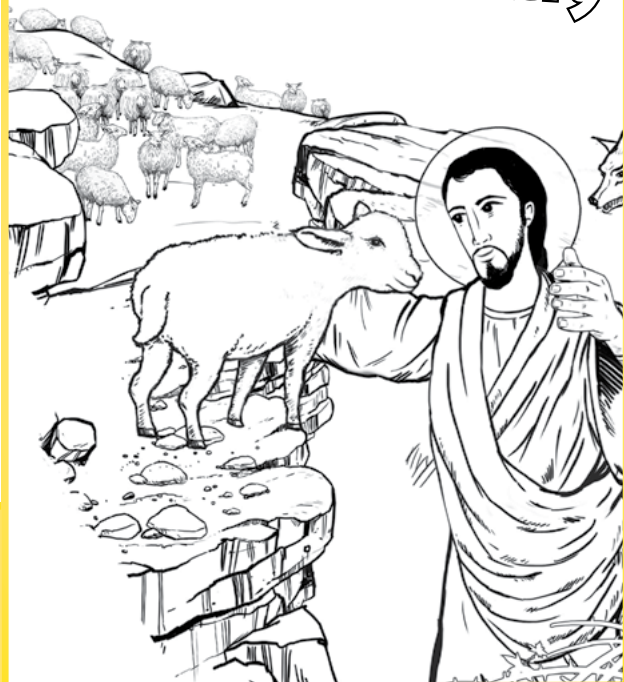
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- HUNDRED SHEEP**
- ONE LOST**
- SHEPHERD FINDS**
- EVERYONE CELEBRATES**

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



Cross out the letters **k w i** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"I have _____ my _____ that was lost.
 _____ and _____ with me."

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

CARE

DID YOU KNOW? This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all our teachers and all those involved in the education and the care of our children: catholiceducation.org.uk

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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