

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other.

Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are – and that includes us too!

Wednesday 8th March 2023

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOD'S LOVE**.

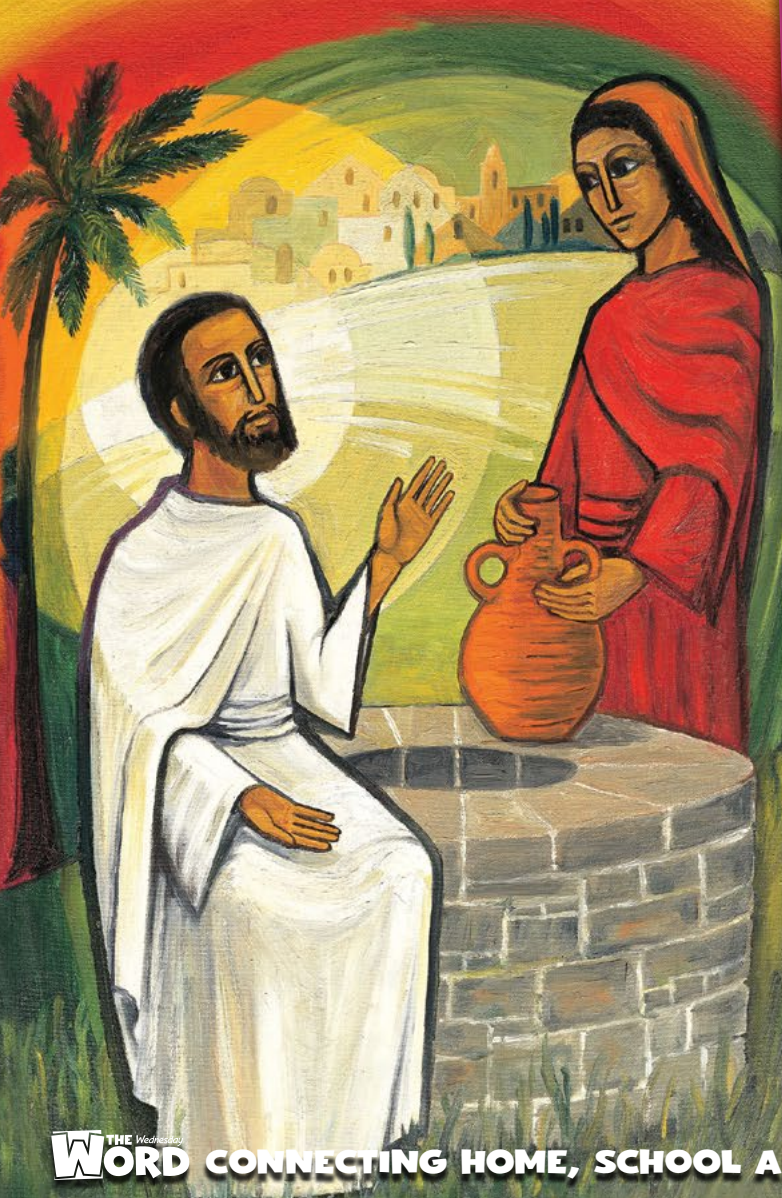
Dom Henry Wansbrough



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

"God's love is a spring of living water which flows constantly into the hearts of those who pray."

St Louis de Montfort



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12th March 2023



Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat straight down at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." She was taken by surprise because Jews and Samaritans rarely spoke to each other. She replied, "What? You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans don't have anything to do with each other?" Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: 'Give me a drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water." "You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside them, welling up to eternal life." "Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."

Adapted from John 4:5-15.19-26.39-42

The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

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

"We pray that the Church may always be a true family that brings God's love to everyone." *Pope Francis*



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CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

The living water which Jesus talks about in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. As we hear of Jesus' love for people throughout the Gospel stories, we can be certain of God's love for each one of us today.

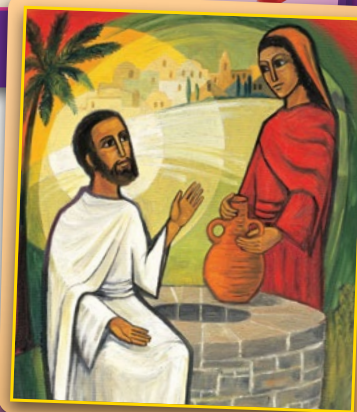


1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus came to a town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat down besides Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to fill her jug with water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink and said: "Whoever drinks the water from this well will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the living water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will be like a spring of flowing water inside them that gives everlasting life." "Sir," said the woman, "please give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."

What is special about the water that Jesus offers? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Words are ...

GOD'S LOVE

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Loving God & Each Other

"God's love is free. All God wants is for us to accept his love." *Pope Francis*

God is love and all love comes from God. Ask your child what the words 'God's love' mean to them. We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. Where does your child see God's love in action? Who does your child know who stands out as someone who shares God's love with others? How does that person show love? It may help your child if you can give an example of your own.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love." *St Augustine of Hippo*

The more we experience and share God's love, the happier we become. Each of you say how you usually experience God's love. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family or other people; help from others; the sacraments; spending time with Jesus in prayer, at home or in Church. Then each of you choose a way in which you will especially share God's love with someone in this coming week.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your **love** and to share your **love** with others through the way we live our lives. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

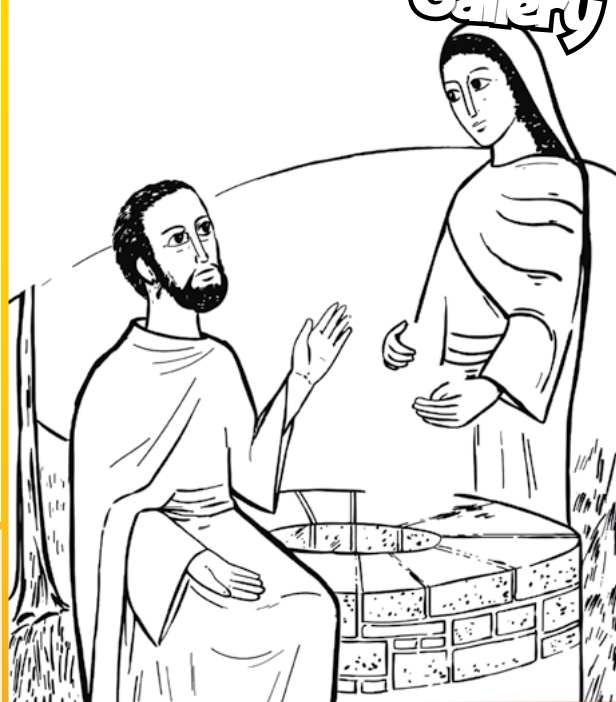
- ☒ SAMARITAN WOMAN ☒
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- ☐ LIVING WATER ☐
- ☐ EVERLASTING LIFE ☐

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

Cross out the letters **o l m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"Anyone who _____ the living _____ that I shall _____ will never be _____ again."



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

GOD'S LOVE

Through the person he was, and through his teaching and miracles, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God shares his love with us and calls us to share it with others too.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

