



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus once again reminds the disciples – and us too – that a life of service is the best life to live. Life can be so busy, full of the things we really like doing, that it's quite easy to forget about serving others.

The Church teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other. One of the oldest titles for the Pope is 'The Servant of the servants of God'.

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

Wednesday 15th September 2021

This emphasises the importance which the Church places on service. Jesus lived a life of service. Family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' example and live as God intends.

So enjoy your week together – bring peace and joy into your home and community by spreading God's love – through **SERVING** each other.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 19th September 2021



After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him; he said, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But the disciples did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. Later, Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all."

Adapted from Mark 9:30-37
The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Jesus leads us to go out from
ourselves more and more, to give
ourselves and to serve others."

Pope Francis



Serving is part of everyday life, particularly family life. It is serving others which makes people truly great, deeply loved and warmly remembered. The happiest people on earth are actually those who serve others.

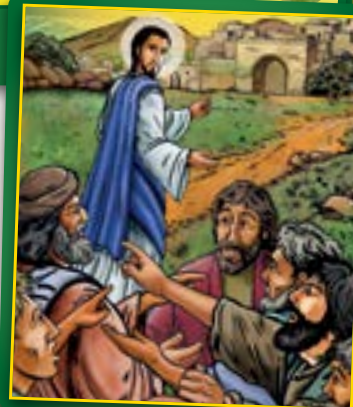


1 Our Special Time Together

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

After teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him (how he would die, but, after three days, rise from the dead), Jesus asked them: "What were you arguing about earlier?" No one answered his question, because they'd been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, gathered his twelve special friends around him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must put themselves last of all and become the servant of all."

What did Jesus say that those who wanted to be 'first' must do? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

SERVING



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Loving God & Each Other

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others." *St Pope John Paul II*

What matters to God is that we care for, love and serve one another. We show our greatness by serving others. Ask your child what 'serving each other' means to them. Which people serve them as Jesus teaches? What do those people do? What happens in a family or community when everyone begins to serve each other? Ask your child if they can remember the last time they served someone.

"There is nothing small in the service of God." *St Francis de Sales*

We can show our faith in God by loving and serving other people in simple and little ways. As a family, consider if there is any person or organisation that could benefit from your physical or prayerful service in this coming week. Perhaps it could be: a charity, your school, a neighbour, an elderly or sick person. Then share ideas about how you might best serve (or offer to serve) them this week.

Dear Lord Jesus, you **served** others. Please help me to follow your example, so that my home, my school and my community may be filled with your love. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☒ DISCIPLES ARGUING
- ☐ JESUS HEARD
- ☐ QUESTIONED TAUGHT
- ☐ SERVE OTHERS

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



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

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

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Jesus said, "If _____ wants to be _____, they must _____ the _____ of all."

Serving others helps to make the world a much better place. God lives in each one of us, so it's good to remember that when we're serving one another, we're serving God too!

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

