# SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

### Dear Parents and Carers,

While on earth, we are given 'free will' and God our Father trusts us to use it wisely. There may be times when we make a wrong choice, but we can trust that God is always there to help us start again.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the value of being trustworthy people. We can show this by making good choices – especially when it comes to the use of money.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

When we give God first place in our lives – using our talents, our time and our money to serve God – we are blessed here and now, and can be certain that we will be rewarded in the life to come too.

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



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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Jesus said, "The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the one who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with

money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

Adapted from Luke 16:1-13 (the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church ~ all are warmly invited.  $\perp$ 

"Let's not forget to trust in the Lord; this is the key to success in life." Pope Francis

ORD CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



God wants us to place our trust in him, so that he can guide our lives. Following God's ways shows God that we are trustworthy and provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

## Our Special Time Together

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

One day Jesus was talking to his disciples about choosing to put God first in their lives – about not becoming a 'slave' to the love of money, but rather using money in a way that is pleasing to God. Jesus said: "If you can be trusted with little things, then you can be trusted with big things. To God, money is a little thing. If you can't be trusted with that, how can you be trusted with real riches? The choice is yours, but you cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

**How does Jesus want us to use our money?** 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?



 

 Wednesday's Word is ...
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 "Put your trust in God, dear young friends!
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He knows and loves us." Pope Francis

Being a trustworthy person and also knowing who to trust is really

important. Ask your child what the word 'trustworthy' means to them.

A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who are the most

trustworthy friends in your child's life and why do they trust them?

What do their friends do which shows they are trustworthy? Perhaps

you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust

the most, and say why they are trustworthy.

### "Those who trust in God can do all things." St Alphonsus Liguori

Loving God & Each Other

We can show God and others that we are trustworthy by making the most of our gifts - to make the world a better place. In this coming week, what can each one of us do to show that we are trustworthy people? Perhaps we can: be generous with our Godgiven gifts of time, talent and money; always try to tell the truth; say our daily prayers asking God to guide us to do the right thing; keep our promises.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us use our gifts well – to be your trustworthy sons and daughters who always put you first in our lives. Amen.

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\_\_\_ you can be trusted with \_\_\_\_ things."

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

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...



This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. This is a special day in the Church's calendar when we are especially invited to pray for, support and celebrate the work of the Church in England and Wales. Find out more at cbcew.org.uk

More at: wednesdayword.org & catholicchurch.org.uk