

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

THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 18th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace.

True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. The peace that God gives is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

Even if you may sometimes doubt, or feel distant from God, be assured that God is very close to you and wanting you to be filled with his peace.

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

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 22nd May 2022



Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and shall return. I am going to the Father."

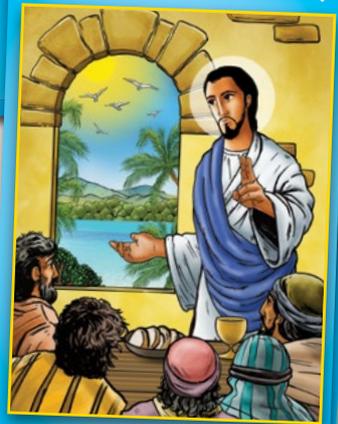
Adapted from
John 14:23-29 (the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

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

"All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family." *Pope Francis*



The peace that Jesus promises to those who love him is an inner peace which comes from following him and knowing deep within ourselves that we are loved by God. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus won this peace for us - a priceless gift which he offers to you and me!



1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "What you have heard me say comes from the Father who sent me. I am returning to my Father, but do not worry: I will not leave you all alone. When I return to the Father he will send you the Holy Spirit to teach you and remind you of all the things I have said. Peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give. This is my gift to you. So don't be troubled or afraid."

What did Jesus say his gift was to his friends? Which word or words stood out for you, and why? What does the Sunday Gospel picture opposite make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is...

PEACE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Peace is always found in God, for God is peace." *Saint Nicholas of Flue*

Jesus never wants us to be worried or upset - he gives us the gift of God's peace. Ask your child what the word 'peace' means to them. Ask them when they feel most at peace, or when they feel most safe and not worried about anything. Do they know someone who is a good peacemaker - someone who always helps to ease trouble because they bring God's love with them?

"Peace of heart is more valuable than any treasure." *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Peace, like love, is a gift to share. How can we bring peace to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: do what our parents and teachers ask us to do; not tease or make fun of friends, brothers or sisters; pray and ask God that we may be filled with peace. Why not, as a family, visit justice-and-peace.org.uk, get involved and help to promote peace around the world.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our special time together. Please help us to know your perfect **peace**, and to share that peace with those around us. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

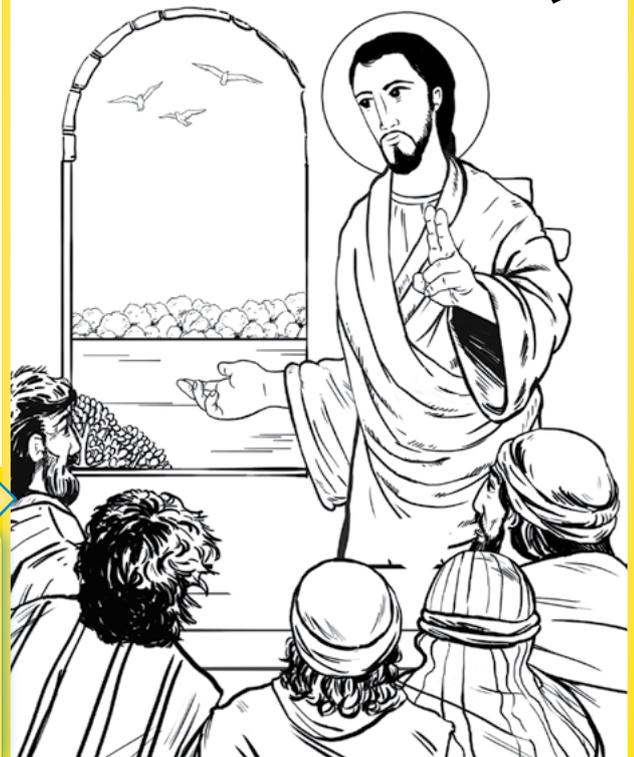
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- FATHER SEND
- HOLY SPIRIT
- TEACH REMIND
- GIFT PEACE

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



Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **u s h** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Peace I _____ to you, a _____ the world
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Jesus gives us the gift of peace. He tells us not to be worried or upset because he will always be there for us.

When he went back to his Father he sent the Holy Spirit to help us to live peacefully in his way. We are doing this when we try our best to share peace with others.



Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...

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