



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds - and that includes you and me too!

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency - or a child's openness to God?

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

Wednesday 29th September 2021

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

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 **OPENNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 3rd October 2021



People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

Adapted from Mark 10:2-16
The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Let's try to be open to God's word,
and open to the Lord's surprises
when he speaks to us."

Pope Francis



Jesus is open to everyone - he has time for us and cares for us.

Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person.

Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them, but the disciples turned them away. So Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children." Then Jesus hugged the children and blessed each one of them.

Who did Jesus say that we must be like to enter God's kingdom? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Look at the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

OPENNESS

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Loving God & Each Other

"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing."

Pope Francis

Openness to Jesus helps us draw closer to God. Ask your child what the word 'openness' means to them. Who is usually open with them - ready to listen to and support them? How does it make them feel when people are open with them? Good relationships depend upon openness. What happens to a family or community when people are open with each other?

"Prayer is first of all listening to God - it's openness."

Henri Nouwen

How can we be more open to God and to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: spend a little more time in prayer; invite someone round and let them - not us - choose what to play; try to listen and understand if someone has a problem; be ready to forgive someone who may have upset us; try not to demand our own way; try to learn something new; be open and ready to accept praise or correction.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more **open** to you by being kind and **open** to the people I meet each day. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

☒	LITTLE CHILDREN	☒
☐	BELONG KINGDOM	☐
☐	JESUS WELCOMED	☐
☐	HUGGED BLESSED	☐

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



Cross out the letters **a c f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

apecoplef tahefsec Gafocd's belfongcas

Jesus said, "_____ ' _____ kingdom _____ to _____ who are like _____ little children."

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

Good relationships depend upon openness.

A simple way of showing your openness to God's ways is by treating people in a way you would like to be treated yourself, regardless of any differences.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

