

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

THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 12th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them.

Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other - living and working in unity.

Pope Francis reminds us, "It is Jesus himself who continues to care for his Church. Small gestures of tenderness and care, make people feel that the Lord is with us."

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

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 16th May 2021



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Adapted from John 17:11-19
The 7th Sunday of Easter, Year B

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"Above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another."

Pope Francis



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' prayer is a reminder of the tremendous care that God has for each person - the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us.

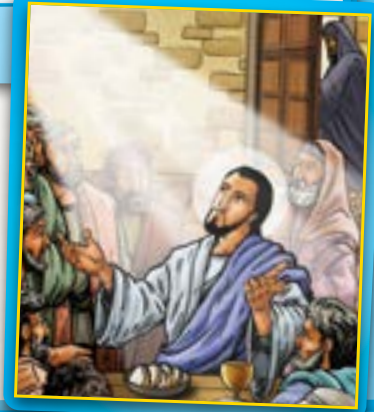


1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, protect the people you have given to me. Keep them true to your name, so that they may be one with each other, just as you and I are one. Since I have been with them, I have taken care of them, and I have kept them true to you. Now I am coming to you. But before I do, I am saying these things to share my joy with them to the full.'

Jesus had always cared for his followers. What did Jesus want to share with them before he went to his Father? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

CARE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Cast your cares upon God, for you are his and he will not forget you." *St John of the Cross*

Ask your child what the word 'care' means to them. Who do you know to be a caring person? Each of you give an example of where or when you feel God's care. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family and your friends; spending time alone with God in prayer at home; worshipping God with others; receiving help from others. Saying the 'Our Father', and really thinking about the words, is a great way to speak to God and to ask for God's care.

"Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home." *Pope Francis*

Throughout the world, our Catholic schools and parishes educate and care for millions of children. Jesus cares for us and he wants us to care for others too. Each of you talk about a time when you recently showed your care for someone. Is there anyone who needs your care right now? As a family, choose a way in which you will especially start to show your care for others and for the earth, our common home.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to see the needs of others, to **care** for creation, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and **caring** heart. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

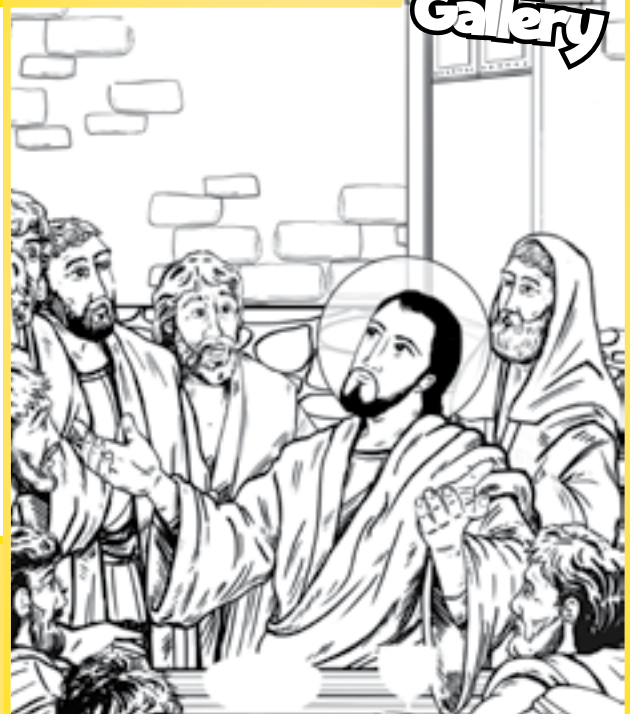
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- FATHER HEAVEN
- JESUS PRAYS
- DISCIPLES UNITY
- PROTECT CARE

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 **o k b** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.
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"Since I have been with _____, I have taken _____ of them, and I _____ kept them _____ to you."

CARE

To see CAFOD's great video about caring for the earth, see Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' link in the children's section at: wednesdayword.org

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

