



Wednesday 19th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

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. God's peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque reminds us, "Peace of heart is more valuable than any treasure." 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 23rd May 2021



In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

*Adapted from John 20:19-23
Pentecost Sunday, Year B*

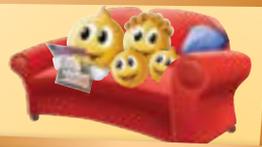
You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts. We can all be builders of peace."

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 Our Special Time Together

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

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What were the first words that the Risen Jesus said to the disciples? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

PEACE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"The family is the first and foremost teacher of peace."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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? St Teresa of Calcutta reminds us: "Peace begins with a smile."

"Let's promote friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace." *Pope Francis*

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

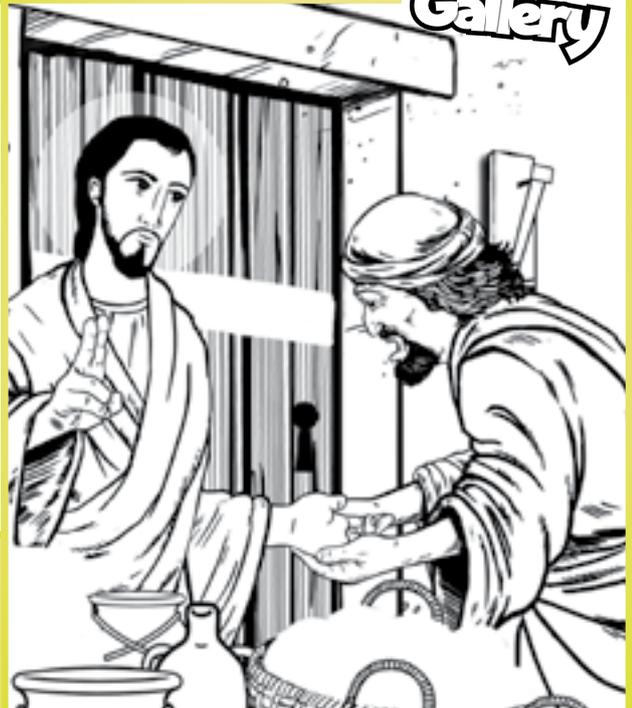
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- PENTECOST GATHERED
- DOORS LOCKED
- JESUS APPEARED
- BREATHED SPIRIT

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 **u m k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus _____ on them. "Receive the _____," he _____ to them.

Jesus is always 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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