



Dear Parents and Carers,

God wants us to trust and depend on him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference.

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift.

The Wednesday Word is a weekly gift from your school - to you and your family. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GIFT**.

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 7th November 2021



Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted with respect in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Adapted from Mark 12:38-44
The 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Life is a precious gift, but we realize this only when we give it to others."

Pope Francis



We are all unique and valuable to God. Out of His love for us, God has entrusted us with individual gifts to bring to the world - gifts to be shared. The value of our gift is greatly increased when given with love. Sharing our gifts, with love, brings us closer to God.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



Jesus sat down opposite the Temple treasury and watched the people putting their donations into the box for offerings. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Then a poor lady, who was a widow, came up and put in two small coins that were only worth a penny. When Jesus saw this, he said to his disciples, "This poor widow has given more to the collection than all the others. The rich people gave money that they could easily spare. This poor widow has very little money and she needs all of it to live on. Yet she has given everything she had."

How much did the poor widow put into the treasury and what did Jesus say about it? 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 ...

GIFT



3 Loving God & Each Other

"The most striking proof of God's love for us is the gifts he gives to us."

St Hugh of Lincoln

Ask your child what the word 'gift' means to them. When did they last give or receive a special gift - one given with love. (Remember that the best gifts cannot be bought - gifts such as love, friendship, kindness, forgiveness and patience). What was that gift and how did it make them feel? It may help your child if you can tell them about a gift that you recently gave or received.

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

When we share our individual gifts, our families and communities are enriched. As a family, name each other's special gifts - the gifts from God that money can't buy. Then each of you decide how, in this coming week, you can use your gifts to show your love for God and for the good of others. Perhaps you can: forgive someone; be generous and give something to a good cause; cheer someone up; draw a picture for someone you love; give the gift of your smile to someone.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Please help us to be generous and cheerful in all we do for you and for each other. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- TEMPLE
- TREASURY
- PEOPLE DONATIONS
- POOR WIDOW
- GAVE EVERYTHING

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

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"This poor _____ has _____ more to the _____ than all the _____."

Our happiness comes from giving, just as much as it comes from receiving. Each one of us has special gifts which we can use to help make the world a better place. God wants us to use our own gifts to help people who are in need - people around us and people all over the world.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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