



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, during his time on earth, Jesus was many things to many people. He was a teacher, a healer, a leader and, to some people, simply a very good person. But Peter finally realises the truth about Jesus and professes his faith in him as the Christ - the Son of the living God.

Wednesday 8th September 2021

Even though the disciples had witnessed Jesus' many miracles, they were still slow to understand Jesus' true identity. For us too, it takes time to get to know who Jesus really is, just as it takes time to get to know other friends.

Make a great start to this new school year by listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **JESUS**.

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 12th September 2021



Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way Jesus put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said; "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

Adapted from Mark 8:27-35
The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give."

Pope Francis



**HAVING FAITH
IN YOUR FAMILY**

The Gospel above or the **FAMILY TIME** section overleaf can be read independently by adults or children alike. However, reading the Gospel as a family really does help the family to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

Jesus assures us that when two or three of us gather together in his name, he will be with us. This special *Five Minutes Family Time* is a great opportunity to be with Jesus, and to enhance family life together throughout this new school year.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



Jesus and his disciples left for a village in the North. On the way Jesus asked his friends, the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist; others say you are one of the prophets who died a long time ago and has come back to life." Jesus then asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" It was Peter who spoke up. "You are the Christ," he said. Then Jesus began to teach them that he was destined to suffer, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

What two questions did Jesus ask his disciples? Which 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 ...

JESUS

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us." *Pope Francis*

The name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means 'God saves'. Jesus came to save us from doing wrong - to show us and to teach us how to live good lives. Ask your child how they think of Jesus. Is he distant like a stranger, or close like a friend? Was he simply a good man, or is he the 'Christ' - the Son of the living God? Does your child have a favourite story about Jesus? What does your child like about Jesus?

"Jesus loves us without limits. He wants to help us, always." *Pope Francis*

Each of you choose something to do at home or at school to be more like Jesus for each other throughout this new school year. Perhaps you can: try to be patient with others; be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; be more generous and loving; forgive others; find regular time to pray for guidance, remembering to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and then try to do the same ourselves.

Dear Lord **Jesus**, please help us to understand and to know you - to listen to your words and to follow your way. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

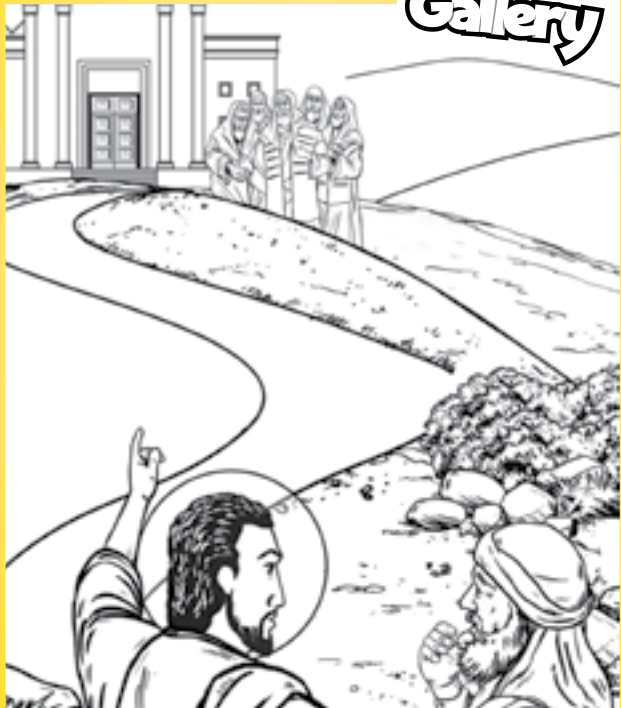
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- JESUS ASKED**
- DISCIPLES REPLIED**
- PETER SPOKE**
- CHRIST GOD**

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 b n** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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It was _____ who _____ up.

"You are the _____," he _____.

Schools throughout the world have been founded in honour of Jesus and that includes our school too. Let's say a quiet prayer today, and every school day, to thank Jesus for our school and for all the people who have given their lives to serve Jesus through teaching and helping us to know him.



Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Did you know? This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday'. Find out more at: catholiceducation.org.uk