



Dear Parents and Carers,

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness.

So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. The young man went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness.

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

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness. St Gianna Beretta Molla also reminds us, "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, being thankful to God, accepting all that he sends."

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HAPPINESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021



A man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life - to live forever with God?" Jesus answered, "You know the ten commandments." And the man said, "Yes Master, and I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The young man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God." "In that case," they said, "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For people," Jesus said, "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."

Adapted from Mark 10:17-30  
The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

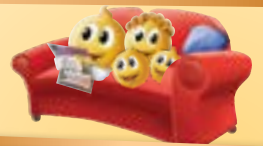
Everyone can learn more about this Gospel  
in Church - all are warmly invited.

"Jesus is a teacher of truth  
and life who shows us the  
way that leads to happiness."

Pope Francis



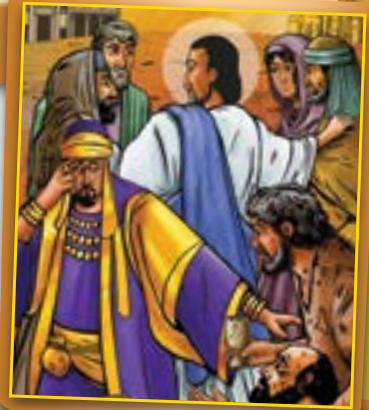
In this Sunday's Gospel, the wealthy man was looking for true happiness. We all want to be happy, to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus reminds us that, if we want to be truly happy, wealth and possessions are not as important as following him and caring for those around us.



# 1 Our Special Time Together

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

A man of great wealth asked Jesus, "Master, what must I do so that I will live with God forever?" Jesus looked steadily at him and was filled with love for him. Then Jesus replied, "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me." The young man went away sad, because he was very rich.



**How did the young man feel after walking away from Jesus?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? What does the Sunday Gospel picture make you think about?

# 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

# HAPPINESS

# 3 Loving God & Each Other

"The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness - a gift to every person."

*Adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos 1718-1719)*

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy). True happiness comes from knowing and loving God. Sharing God's love is the happiest way to live.

"We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God."

*St Teresa of Calcutta*

Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do; forgive, make a fresh start with someone who has upset you; give someone a kind message or a gift.

Dear Lord Jesus, may our family be rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others. Amen.

# Gospel Gallery

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

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

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A \_\_\_\_\_ asked Jesus, " \_\_\_\_\_ , what must I do so that I will \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ forever?"

A happy heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us.

Jesus shows us how to be happy. We don't have to search around for happiness: it comes from within. When we listen to Jesus and follow his ways, we are filled with happiness!

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

