



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus brings Good News to everyone.

We can all at times be blinded by selfishness or jealousy, be prisoners of guilt or worry, or be oppressed by bad habits. But Jesus has come to set us free, to help us renew our relationship with God and to enrich our relationships with each other.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Today, our schools and parishes continue Jesus' work, sharing the Good News of the Gospel so that people of the world can know God's love for them. This Good News is for you and me – Here! Now! We need only to be open to God's Spirit.

Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOOD NEWS**.



Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus was sent to bring the Good News, to enter the heart of each one of us."

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom to prisoners and new sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.' He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This scripture is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

Adapted from Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

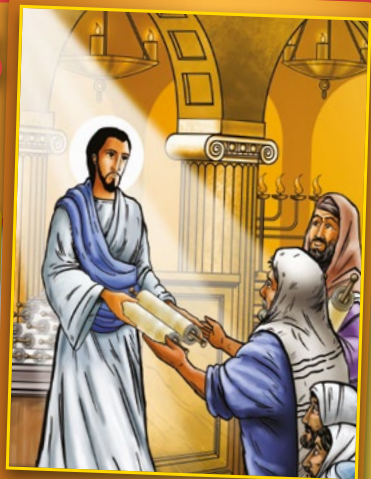
### Having Hope in our Families

The word 'Gospel' means 'Good News'. The Church provides us with both the Bible (which contains the four gospels about Jesus and his teachings) and the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church'. These are manuals for life which tell of the Good News which Jesus brings to all. To see the Catechism online, visit: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) – Parents' Pages.



# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

## 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, went teaching in the synagogues. One day he unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and read out loud: "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted and set free all those who are oppressed." Then Jesus said, "What you have just heard is coming true today."

### What did Jesus bring to the poor?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

## 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Words...

"The Good News always remains the same: Jesus has risen!"

*Pope Benedict XVI*

We all like to hear good news. Ask your child when they last heard some good news. What is the best news that they've ever received? When did any of the family last give someone good news and what was it? Ask your child which people have recently brought Jesus' Good News to them at home, at school or in the parish.



Jesus is alive - he is with us and he wants us to share this Good News with others through our everyday words and actions. How can we be 'Good News' to people in this coming week? Perhaps we can: be welcoming - offering friendship and hospitality to any new people in our community; help to relieve poverty and injustice, at home and abroad; say a special bedtime prayer tonight for all those who regularly share the Good News with others.

## GOOD NEWS



3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing good news to my family and the world. Please help us to be 'Good News' to everyone we meet this week. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

TEACHING

JESUS

UNROLLED SCROLL

GOOD NEWS

TRUE TODAY

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Cross out the letters **u k f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"He has sent me to \_\_\_\_\_ the good \_\_\_\_\_  
to the \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ the broken hearted."

Today, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is still with us! Jesus wants us to demonstrate our faith in God through showing love, kindness and forgiveness in our everyday words and actions. Let's do our best to be 'Good News' to everyone we meet.



This week I will try my best to...

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Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

