

THE Wednesday WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a **NEW START**.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the two disciples of John the Baptist making a new start. They may not have known what John meant when he said 'Look, there is the Lamb of God,' but they knew what he wanted them to do: they had to start afresh and get close to Jesus.

To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org – Parents' Pages – Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

Wednesday 13th January 2021

Once John's disciples got to know Jesus, they couldn't wait to tell their friends and share their joy with them. We too are filled with this same joy when we get close to Jesus.

Regardless of our past, God is always ready to help us to begin again. God invites each one of us to 'Come and See' – to make a new start with Him, each and every day.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 17th January 2021



As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God." Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered, "Rabbi," – which means Teacher – "where do you live?" "Come and see," he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two (who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said) was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas," – meaning Rock.

Adapted from John 1:35-42
The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people."
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.

This Sunday's Gospel is full of new starts and reminds us that God is always ready to help us start afresh. Families who make a new start with God find that they grow closer together and begin to know and share the joy that Jesus brings.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

One day, John the Baptist was standing with two of his followers when Jesus walked by. John looked at Jesus and said, "Look, there is the Lamb of God, the one who has come to save us." On hearing this, the two men went after Jesus. Jesus turned and said, "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Where do you live?" Jesus said, "Come and see." So they went and stayed with him for the rest of the day. One of these two men was Andrew, and early next morning he took his brother, Simon, to meet Jesus. Jesus looked hard at Simon and said, "Simon, you will now be called Cephas" (a name which means Rock).

What did Jesus reply when the men asked him where he lived? Which word or words stood out for you in the Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Words are ...

NEW START

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Loving God & Each Other

"After meeting Jesus, the two disciples immediately noticed something new in their hearts." *Pope Francis*

John's followers made a new start after discovering Jesus. This new year presents an opportunity for us to make a new start. Each of you say what is the best thing that you've ever started. What did you like about it? Ask your child if they have made any new starts in 2021. It may help your child if you mention any new starts or resolutions which you have made for 2021 and tell them how it's going for you. How does your new start help you or others?

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

As we begin this new year, are there any new starts that we can make with our family, friends or with God? Perhaps we can: always try to help around the home before having to be asked; remember to start each morning with a prayer and thank God for each new day and for each other; make a new start with church; be peacemakers and try to make friends with someone we've fallen out with. You may like to choose something new to start together that will strengthen your family.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be always ready to make a **new start** with you and with others as we start this new year. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



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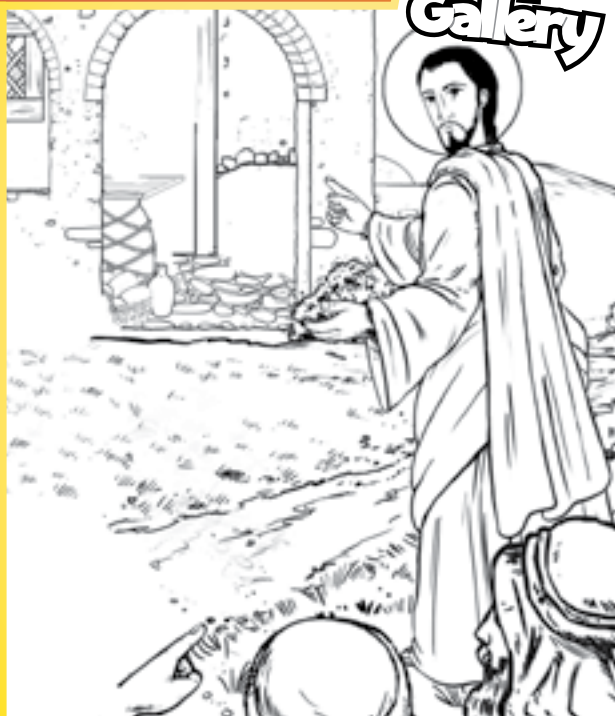
COME SEE



ANDREW SIMON

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Gospel Gallery



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **u i z** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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John said, "_____, there is the _____ of God, the _____ who has come to _____ us."

NEW START

We can be sure that our efforts will be rewarded when we take the time to make a new start with Jesus. Spending time with Jesus (through prayer) helps us become the best we can be.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

