



Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world. When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Pope Francis also reminds us that, "God is faithful, always faithful and continues to be rich in goodness and mercy."

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

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 13th November 2022



When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from

Luke 21: 5-19 (the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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

**"Let us give thanks to
God for his faithfulness."**

Pope Francis



If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. A faithful person is a gift to the world. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



Some people were talking about the beautiful stones used to build the temple and about the gifts that had been placed in the temple. Jesus said, "The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all be knocked down." The disciples asked Jesus when this would happen and he replied, "Before the world ends, many things will happen. People will appear and pretend to be me saying, 'I am the Christ and now is the time!' But do not believe or follow them. And when you hear about wars and earthquakes, do not be afraid; just stay faithful to me."

What were the disciples asking Jesus? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

FAITHFULNESS

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend - someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

"Let us ask then for the grace to remain faithful to God and to listening to his Word." *Pope Francis*

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our **faithful** friend. Please help us to keep growing in **faithfulness** to you and to one another. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

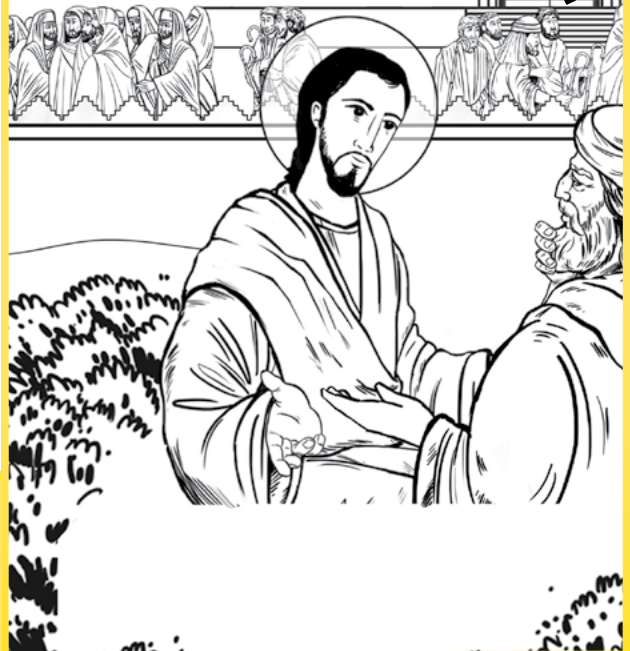
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- DISCIPLES ASKED
- MANY THINGS
- STAY FAITHFUL
- JESUS NEARBY

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 **C W S** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, "Do _____ be _____;
 just stay _____ to _____."

FAITHFULNESS

To be a faithful person is to be loyal and to keep our promises. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it really is a gift worth asking for.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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