

THE Wednesday
WORD ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025



Wishing you a blessed Christmas from your School

"In sending us Jesus, the eternal Son made man, God has drawn near to each of us. In Christ he has become our travelling companion."

Pope Saint John Paul II



Wednesday
10th December

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME



1

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard what Christ was doing and he sent some of his followers to ask Christ, "Are you the one sent by God, or do we have to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cured, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life. The Good News is being announced to the poor; and happy are those who do not lose faith in me." As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "He is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you'. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, one greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.



From the Gospel of Sunday 14th December 2025 Matthew 11:2-11 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **CHRIST**.





"Gaze upon Christ, consider him, contemplate him and desire to imitate him" *St Clare of Assisi*

What did John send some of his followers to ask Jesus? In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist had heard about Jesus Christ's miracles and all the other wonderful things that he was doing. Christ was offering people forgiveness and healing, both physical and spiritual. Forgiving and healing was his task all those years ago and, if we put our trust in him, this is what he can do for us even today. Ask your child what they think the word 'Christ' means (parent help: the word 'Christ' means 'the anointed one', the one who is sent to save the world). It may help your child if you share something that you know and like about Christ.

"For those who love, nothing is too difficult, especially when it is done for the love of Jesus Christ." *St Ignatius of Loyola*

Jesus Christ came to draw everyone into his love - to joyfully share in God's own life. How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through Advent? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; as a family, resolve to support a local or national good cause in the coming new year; make a special effort to let other family members know how much we love them. Find out more about Jesus Christ in church this Sunday. All are warmly invited.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, please help us to be open to your love and healing and to grow in faith as we celebrate your birth this Christmas. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



JOHN PRISON



SENT FOLLOWERS



CHRIST HEALING



GOOD NEWS



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

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While _____ the Baptist _____ in prison, he _____ about Christ's _____.

This Sunday - the third Sunday of Advent - is known as Gaudete Sunday and we light the pink candle on our advent wreath. The word 'Gaudete' in Latin means Rejoice!'. We rejoice that Christ is coming.

Wednesday
17th December

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME 

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.



From the Gospel of Sunday 21st December 2025 - Matthew 1:18-24 (the 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **MARY**.

2 "We go to Mary as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." *St Louis de Montfort*

What two things did the angel tell Joseph to do? Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. The Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves'). Ask your child what else they know about Mary. Do they know the 'Hail Mary' prayer? It may help your child to tell them something you know about Mary, or the Rosary.

3 "Mary is the first and most perfect model of Jesus." *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Mary accepted God's will with a thankful heart; she is a perfect example for all people - someone full of thoughtfulness, kindness and joy. How can you show thoughtfulness and kindness and bring joy to others in this final week of Advent? Perhaps you can: give lots of smiles; cheerfully do what your parents or teachers ask you to do; help someone who may be struggling in some way. You may like to finish your Family Time by saying together, on behalf of another person, a 'Hail Mary' or the Rosary.



Hail **Mary**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy **Mary**, Mother of God

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...

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Wednesday
24th December

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME 

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up quickly; take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because King Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him." So Joseph got up and, taking Jesus and Mary with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. Then the angel of the Lord appeared once again to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Jesus and Mary back to Israel. Joseph did not go back to Bethlehem in case Herod's son, who was the new ruler, would try to harm Jesus. So Joseph took his family to Galilee and made his home in a town called Nazareth. In this way what God had said through the prophet came true: 'He will be called a Nazarene'.



From the Gospel of Sunday 28th December Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23 (the Feast of the Holy Family, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **JOSEPH**.

2

"Let us love Jesus above all things, Mary as our mother – then how could we not love Joseph, so intimately united with both Jesus and Mary?" Pope Saint Pius X

Why did the angel tell Joseph to lead his family to Egypt? Rejoice - today is Christmas Day! This Sunday is also very special - we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph). In this Sunday's Gospel we read about St Joseph's openness and obedience to God. Just like Mary, he is a model for parents and children alike. Ask your child what else they know about St Joseph. It may help your child to tell them something you know about St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus.

3

St Joseph was the head of the Holy Family and he is the Patron Saint of Families. Christmas is a special time for families. Each of you say what you like best about your family. In what ways can we bring more of God's love into our families this Christmas? Perhaps we can: make an extra effort to be thoughtful; celebrate Jesus' birthday together in Church; be more self-giving, forgiving and patient. Jesus Christ came for everyone and his birthday is a celebration for everyone. Come and celebrate the joy of Jesus in church today. All are warmly invited.



A daily prayer to St Joseph: + **St Joseph**, please pray for my family, that we keep growing in the same love, warmth and understanding which you brought to your family. Amen.

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Wednesday
31st December

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME



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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.



From the Gospel of Sunday 6th January 2026 John 1: 1-5, 9-14 (the 2nd Sunday after the Nativity)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **HOPE**.





"Always know in your heart that God is by your side.

Let us never lose hope!" *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013 to 2025)*

The real point of Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, the 'Hope of the World'. The Church reminds us that Christ is the Word who became flesh (He is both man and God) and came to live among us. This is known as the 'Incarnation'. It's a blessing to have hope. Ask your child what the word 'hope' means to them. Can they remember a time when they faced something difficult and someone (or maybe their faith) gave them hope? Each of you share who or what gives you hope when times are tough. Can you also remember a time when you were able to give hope to someone else?

Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to the world. His wonderful birth – and indeed his whole life, death, and resurrection – bear witness to the fact that He is the Son of God. He is our hope in this life and in the life to come. The hope Christ gives can sustain us through life's greatest difficulties, and we can grow in that hope through praying and learning about Him. As we are filled with hope and strengthened, we are then able to bring hope and good news to others. As we embark on a new year, let's consider if there is someone we know who is sad or troubled, and how we might bring hope to that person or those people. Blessings and best wishes to you and your family for 2026.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world to fill our lives with Your light. Please help us to be open to receive and to share Your **hope** with those around us. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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GRACE TRUTH

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in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"And the word became _____ and _____ among us, and we _____ have seen his _____."

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

My New Year resolution for 2026 will be to



THE Wednesday WORD Gospel Gallery



Sunday 14th December



Sunday 21st December



Sunday 28th December



Sunday 4th January

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