

THE **WORD** Wednesday SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Good News for Families

Wednesday 24th May

Wednesday 31st May

Wednesday 7th June

Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

Wednesday
24th May 2023



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1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 28th May 2023. John 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday, 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 **PENTECOST**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.





"May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts." *Pope Francis*

Why did Jesus breathe on the disciples? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they know about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world." *Pope Francis*

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: **Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control.** Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you or help those around you? As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.



Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at **Pentecost**, and also each day throughout the year.



WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



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

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 Jesus _____ on them. "Receive the
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Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began – almost 2000 years ago.

Wednesday
31st May 2023



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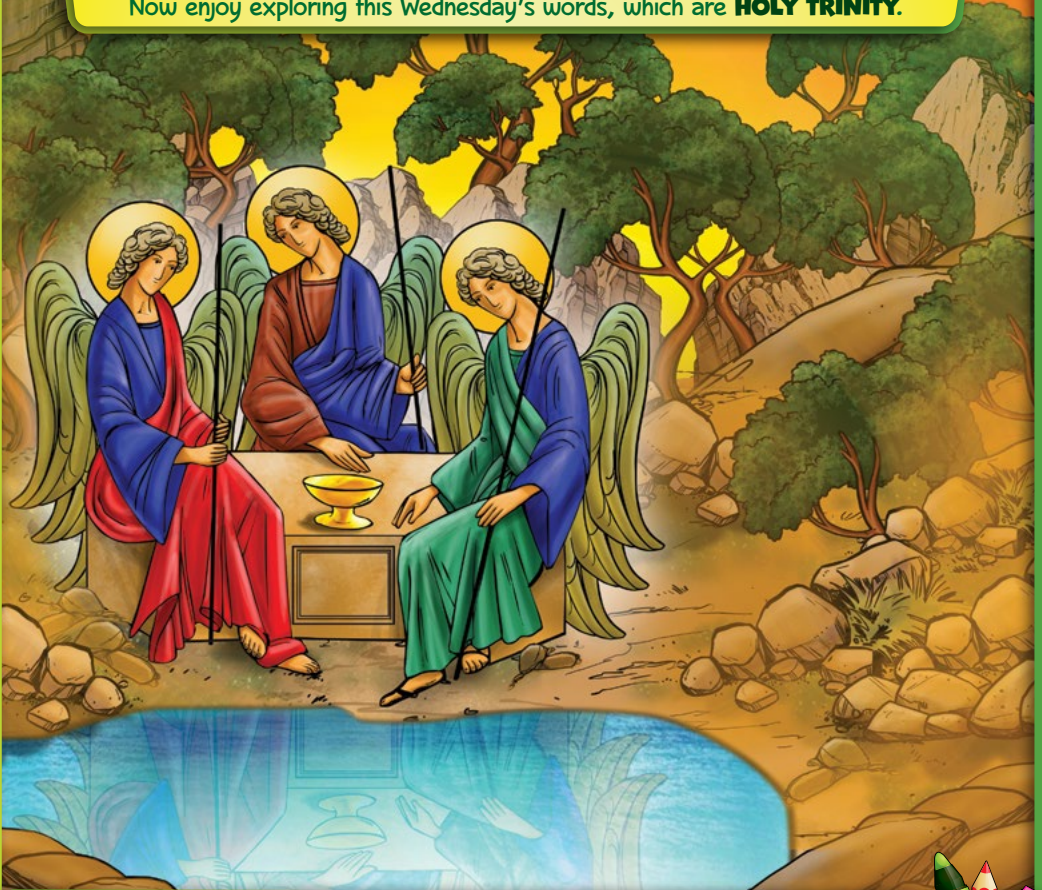
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

One night, Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to speak with Jesus. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; he sent him to save the world, and no one who believes in him will be condemned."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 4th June 2023. John 3:16-18 (Trinity Sunday, Year A)

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY TRINITY**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.





"The Trinity is Father, Son and Spirit of love. God is a communion of love and the family is its living reflection." *Pope Francis*

Why did God send Jesus into the world? This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity (as represented in this week's picture). The Gospel gives us an insight into God's true nature, which is one of love. We read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us, so that we can share in the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity - forever. Ask your child what the words 'Holy Trinity' mean to them. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about the Holy Trinity.

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity." *Pope Francis*

Language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. However, we remember the Trinity each time we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross - a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are. Ask your child if they know the words that complete this blessing: "In the name of the Father, and of the..."? Loving families are also a communion of persons. Each of you choose a way in which you can reflect the joyful love and togetherness of the Holy Trinity in your family relationships this week.

Glory be to the **Father**, and to the **Son**, and to the **Holy Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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 Jesus said, "God _____ the _____
 so much that he _____ his only _____."

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

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The word Trinity means 'Tri-unity', three in one. The Church teaches us that, although there is only one God, there are three divine persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bound together in love.

Wednesday
7th June 2023



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1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert - they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 11th June 2023. John 6:51-58 (The Feast of Corpus Christi, 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 **NOURISH**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.





"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God" *Pope Francis*

What did Jesus call himself? To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion. Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it is: a special friendship, being praised, praying, your faith, the love and care you receive, a hobby or sport, the Church and the sacraments. Who gives you these things?

"Let us be nourished by daily prayer." *Pope Francis*

With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls - to help us to keep growing in goodness and love. Who else should we remember to thank for nourishing us? Perhaps parents, carers, teachers, priests, grandparents or friends. Which people can we nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish them? Perhaps we can: encourage someone; give hugs to parents or carers; give something to a food bank; help and offer hope to others.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread...



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Jesus said, "The _____ I give is my _____, which I _____ to be the life of the _____."

Jesus wants to nourish and strengthen us.

He wants us to be closer to him and closer to each other - he is the Bread of Life.

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Sunday 28th May



Sunday 4th June



Sunday 11th June

