A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 7th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday is the feast of St Benedict, who introduced a special way of reading the Bible to Europe in the 6th Century. *The Wednesday Word* Family Time is based on St Benedict's way of praying and seeks to help you listen, with love, to God and to each other.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out his friends on an urgent mission with the instruction to heal and to share his message with all who will listen.

Jesus wants us to listen closely to his words. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life and how much we are loved by God. St Benedict reminds us, "Listen carefully to the Master's instructions."

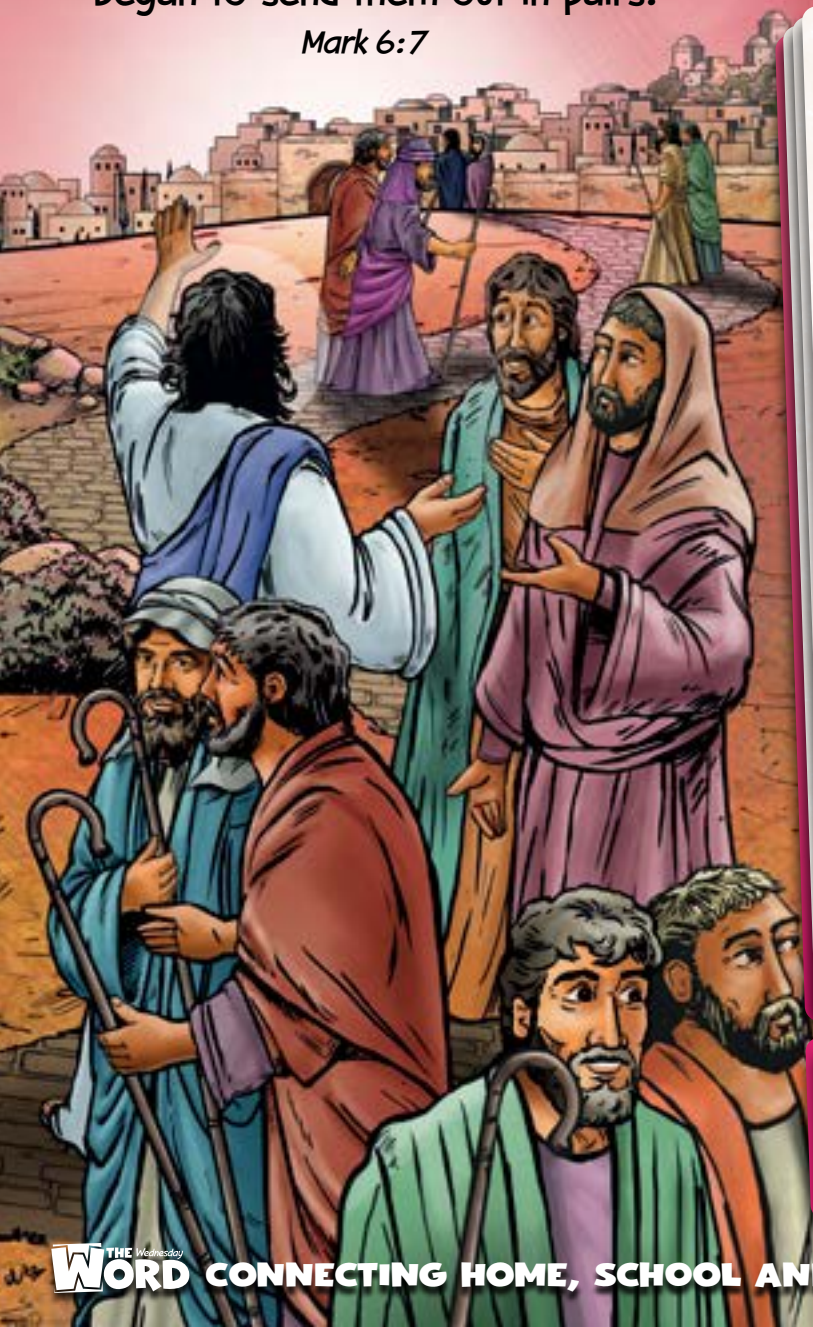
Enjoy a special time together this evening, listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LISTENING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

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

"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs."

Mark 6:7



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 11th July 2021

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And he said to them, "If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them." So they set off to preach repentance, telling people to change their lives and turn back to God. And they cast out many unclean spirits, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Adapted from Mark 6:7-13
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you."
Pope Francis

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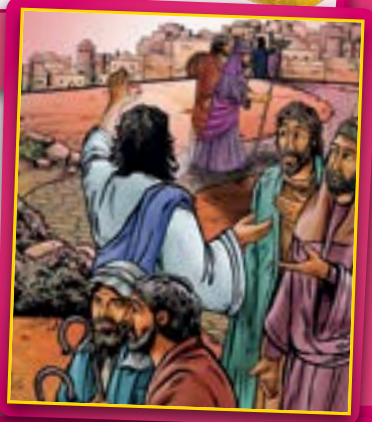
Good News for Families

Jesus' words have stood the test of time. They are rooted in love and can be trusted to guide us and our children well. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, or to the people whom he continues to send with his message. But he knows what's best for us and that listening to him, and really hearing what he says, helps us make wise and safe life-choices.

1 Our Special Time Together

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



Jesus sent out his friends, the disciples, in pairs to tell the Good News of God. He told them to stay where they were made welcome. But if people did not listen to their message, they were to shake the dust off their feet as they left that house. So the disciples went out and started telling everyone to change their lives and to turn back to God, and they healed many people who were sick.

Jesus sent out his disciples to share his message with all who would listen. What did the disciples tell the people to do? Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. How does it make you feel? What does it make you think about?

LISTENING

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

"Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Listening is a sign of real love – it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own.

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Listen carefully, and attend with the ear of your heart."

St Benedict – Patron of Europe (Feast Day 11th July)

It is important to listen if we are to learn and grow in wisdom. What do you think are the best ways that we can listen to Jesus through the coming summer holidays? Perhaps we can: remember to have quiet times in prayer – just for listening to God as he speaks to our heart; go to Church together; read the gospels in next week's *Wednesday Word Summer Special* throughout the summer holidays. What other ways can we think of?

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for always being ready to **listen** to us. Please help us to **listen**, understand and act on your words and to be good **listeners** to each other too. Amen.

Wednesday Wordsearch

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

- DISCIPLES
- PAIRS
- JESUS
- SENDS
- GOD'S
- MESSAGE
- CHANGE
- LIVES

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

Cross out the letters **c t h** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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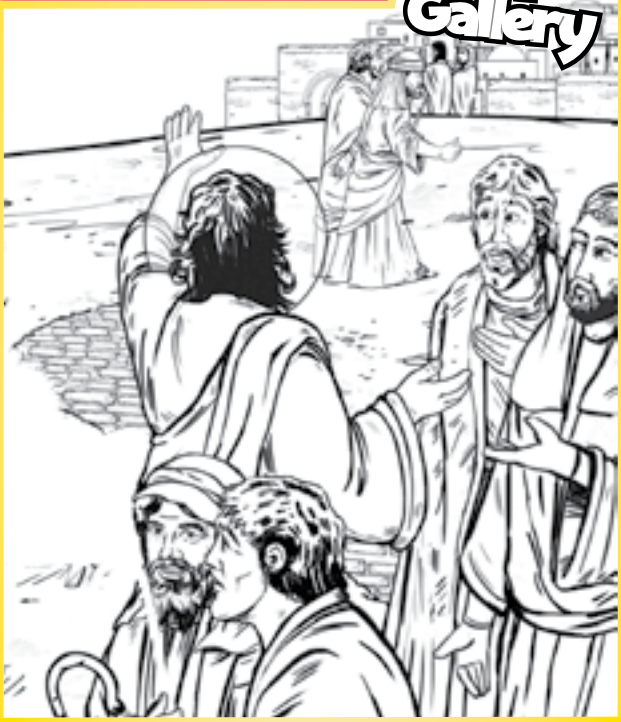
_____ sent out his _____, the disciples, in _____ to tell the _____ News of God.

Gospel Gallery



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

Jesus loves us and wants us to spend time with him, listening to him and so allowing him to guide our lives.

What are the best times for you to quietly pray and listen throughout the coming summer holidays? Will it be when you wake up, throughout the day or at bedtime?

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

This week I will try my best to...

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