

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

THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it."

In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment – they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too – today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Enjoy a special time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LOVE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



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

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th May 2022



When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Adapted from
John 13:31-35 (the 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

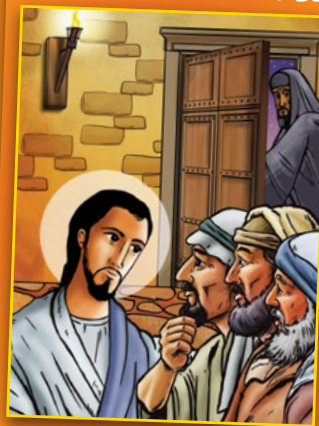
**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church – all are warmly invited.**

"May we discover the beauty
of loving and being loved. Let us
ask the Lord for the grace to
love everyone." Pope Francis



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about love. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus wants us to share his love in the world. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to love others. He wants each one of us to experience the life-giving happiness which comes from following his new commandment - to love one another as he loves us.

John 13:31-35



1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Jesus had gathered his friends, the disciples, together for the Last Supper. After Judas left the room Jesus said, "I shall not be with you much longer. But now I am giving you a new commandment: you must love one another in the same way as I have loved you. If you do this, everyone will know that you are my friends."

What new commandment has Jesus given to us? 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 ...

LOVE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Love is the only language everyone understands." *St Joseph Fienademetz*

God is love and all love comes from God. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Ask your child who they love. What does your child think it means to 'love one another'. Who makes your child feel especially loved: a) at home? b) at school? c) at church or in the community? Ask your child when they recently felt especially loved. When did your child last show love towards someone? How did they show their love?

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Each of you decide on something you can do in the coming days to share your love - to love as Jesus loves. Perhaps you can: as a family, visit someone who may be sick or lonely; be extra helpful by putting others' needs first; show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; include someone in your games who may be feeling left out.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us always to love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **c k i** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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_____ said, "You must _____ one another
in the _____ way as I _____ loved you."



Love



Jesus went back to his Father but he gave us a special job to do. Jesus wants us to love each other. When we care for and look after each other, through our words and through our actions, we are following Jesus' new commandment.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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