



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus brings Good News to everyone.

We can all at times be blinded by selfishness or jealousy, be prisoners of guilt or worry, or be oppressed by bad habits. But Jesus has come to set us free, to help us renew our relationship with God and to enrich our relationships with each other.

Wednesday 19th January 2022

Today, our schools and parishes continue Jesus' work, sharing the Good News of the Gospel so that people of the world can know God's love for them. This Good News is for you and me – Here! Now! We need only to be open to God's Spirit.

Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOOD NEWS**.

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 23rd January 2022



Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom to prisoners and new sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.' He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This scripture is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

Adapted from Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

"Jesus was sent to bring the
Good News, to enter the heart
of each one of us." Pope Francis



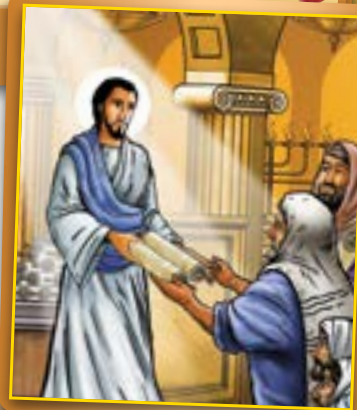


1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, went teaching in the synagogues. One day he unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and read out loud: "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted and set free all those who are oppressed." Then Jesus said, "What you have just heard is coming true today."

What did Jesus bring to the poor? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? What does the Sunday Gospel picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Words are ...

GOOD NEWS

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Loving God & Each Other

"Jesus proclaimed very clearly that he had come to bring the Good News."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

We all like to hear good news. Ask your child when they last heard some good news. What is the best news that they've ever received? When did any of the family last give someone good news and what was it? Ask your child which people have recently brought Jesus' Good News to them at home, at school or in the parish.

"The Good News always remains the same: Jesus has risen!"

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Jesus is alive - he is with us and he wants us to share this Good News with others through our everyday words and actions. How can we be 'Good News' to people in this coming week? Perhaps we can: be welcoming - offering friendship and hospitality to any new people in our community; help to relieve poverty and injustice, at home and abroad; say a special bedtime prayer tonight for all those who regularly share the Good News with others.

+ Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing **good news** to my family and the world. +
Please help us to be '**Good News**' to everyone we meet this week. Amen. + +

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



TEACHING JESUS



UNROLLED SCROLL



GOOD NEWS



TRUE TODAY

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

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T E A C H I N G D T W
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Cross out the letters **u k f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"He has sent me to _____ the good _____
to the _____, to _____ the broken hearted."

Gospel Gallery



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

Today, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is still with us! Jesus wants us to demonstrate our faith in God through showing love, kindness and forgiveness in our everyday words and actions. Let's do our best this week to be 'Good News' to everyone we meet.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

