



Dear Parents and Carers,

God's love is without limits. In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that God's chosen people were not chosen just to enjoy God's love for themselves. They were called to be the starting point from which God's love would spread to all people. But when Jesus told people about God's love, he did not always receive a warm welcome.

God loves each one of us equally and unconditionally. His love for us is unlimited and God is forever searching

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out people to whom he can show his love. If we are willing to turn to God, to accept and experience his love, the happier we become.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOD'S 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 30th January 2022



Jesus astonished the people in the synagogue with the gracious words that came from his lips. But then they started saying, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" Jesus replied, "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country." Then Jesus said, "There were many widows in Israel, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow from a town in Sidon." When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was filled with rage. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Adapted from Luke 4:21-30
The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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

"God's love is free. God asks for
nothing in return; all God wants
is for us to accept his love."

Pope Francis

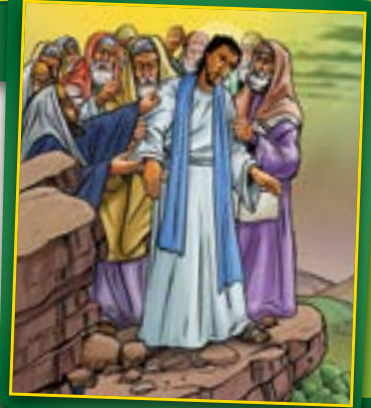


God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. Through the person he was, and through his teaching and miracles, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God shares his love with us and calls us to share it with others too - to build strong communities of love, especially in our homes and schools.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



Jesus astonished the people with the gracious words that came from his lips. But then the people started saying, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" Jesus replied, "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country." Then Jesus angered them with a story which showed that God's love is for everyone, not just a particular group or people. Jesus said: "There were many widows in Israel in the great famine, but God sent Elijah the prophet to a widow in a different country." When the people heard this they wanted to throw Jesus off a cliff. But Jesus slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Why were the people angry? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Look at the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Words are ...

GOD'S LOVE

3 Loving God & Each Other

"God's love for us is so great, so deep." *Pope Francis*

God is love and all love comes from God. Ask your child what the words 'God's love' mean to them. We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. Where does your child see God's love in action? Who does your child know who stands out as someone who shares God's love with others? How does that person show love? It may help your child if you can give an example of your own.

"When we experience God's love, we are more able to share this with our neighbour." *Pope Francis*

The more we experience and share God's love, the happier we become. Each of you say how you usually experience God's love. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family or other people; help from others; the sacraments; spending time with Jesus in prayer, at home or in Church. Then each of you choose a way in which you will especially share God's love with someone in this coming week.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your **love** and to share your **love** with others through the way we live our lives. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

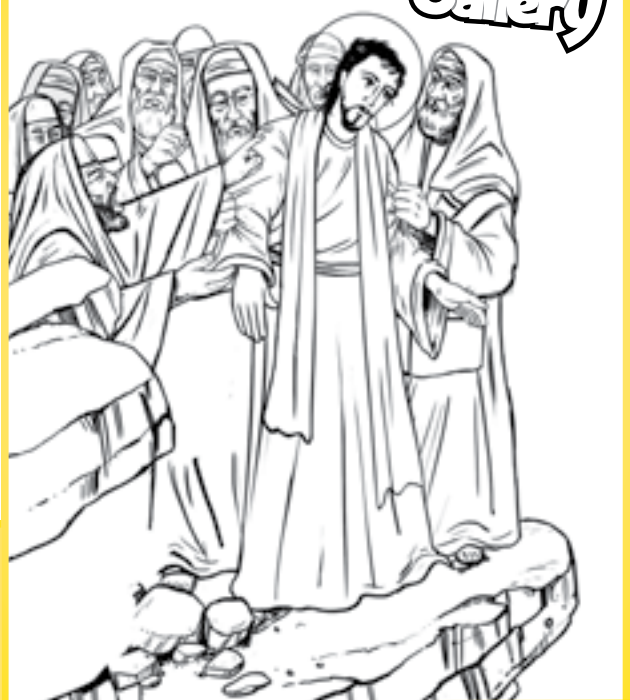
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- JESUS WORDS**
- ASTONISHED PEOPLE**
- GOD LOVES**
- EVERY PERSON**

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



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

Cross out the letters **u i b** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus angered _____ with a _____ which showed _____ God's _____ is for everyone.

This Friday, 28th January, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools, who preached the message of God's love.

Find out more about Saint Thomas in the Children's Section at: wednesdayword.org (see 'SAINTS FACTFILES').

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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