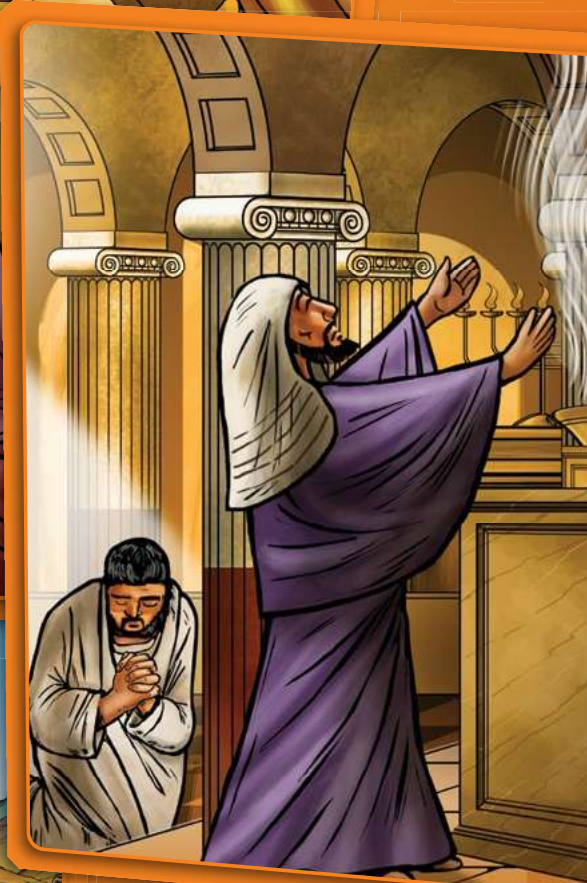
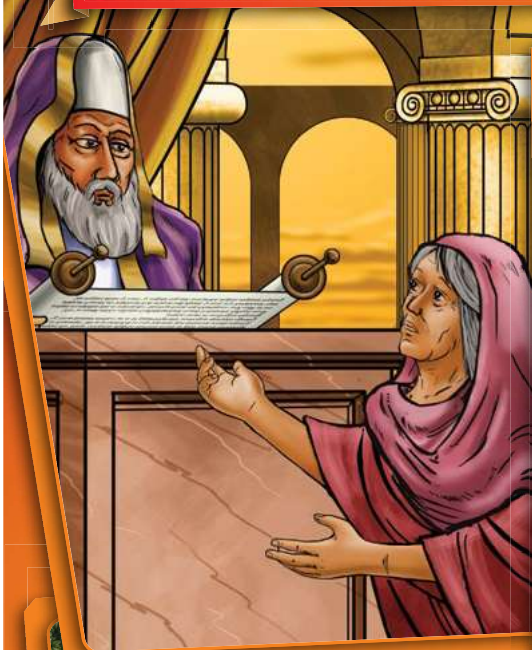


THE **WORD** Wednesday **SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**

A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Good News for Families

Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 22nd October

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Wednesday 15th October Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said, "There was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."



From the Gospel of Sunday 19th October Cf. Luke 18:1-8. (The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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 **PRAYER**.



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

2 Wednesday's Word



PRAYER

“Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another.” Pope Benedict XVI

What was Jesus teaching his disciples? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father. There are many kinds of prayer. This Gospel reminds us about the value of 'Asking Prayer' and not giving up in our prayer requests. Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer?

Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for. We can pray anywhere, anytime. Each of you say when and where you like to pray (e.g. at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside, elsewhere). What would you like to pray and ask God for this week? Who can you pray for throughout the coming week (e.g. a family member, a friend, your teacher, your priest, a poorly, hungry or lonely person)? How else can you help that person?

3 For tonight's closing prayer, ask your child if they know 'The Lord's Prayer': Our Father, who art in heaven...

WEDNESDAY

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

POOR ☒ ☐

WIDOW ☐ ☐

CONSTANT REQUESTS ☐ ☐

JUDGE HELPED ☐ ☐

PRAY ALWAYS ☐ ☐

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

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

God wants us to spend time with him through prayer. Just as we need to put oil in a car to make it work properly, so prayer helps us to work properly - keeping us in good order.

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Jesus _____ to _____ his disciples

that they _____ always _____.

This week I will try my best to ...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Wednesday 22nd October

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel



There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story." Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'" Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."

From the Gospel of Sunday 26th October Cf. Luke 18:9-14. (The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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 **HUMBLE**.



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

2 Wednesday's Word



HUMBLE

"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Whose prayer was pleasing to God: the humble tax collector's or the proud Pharisee's? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble – especially when we pray. Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. (Parent help – humble people do not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong). Who does your child know who is talented, but does not boast or show-off? It may help your child if you give an example of a humble person that you know.

"God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart" St Pio of Pietrelcina

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. As a family, name one of each other's special God-given gifts, something that you admire in the other person. Then each of you name a gift that you are especially grateful for – it could be a quality, skill or attitude. Decide on a way that you will use that gift to help someone in this coming week. You may like to finish this evening's special Family Time in humble prayer, each thanking God for the gift that he has given you to share with others (please see the prayer below).

3

O my God, I thank you for the gift of [Each person name their gift], which you have given to me. Help me always to serve you humbly and use my gift to make the world a better place. Amen.

WORD SEARCH

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

PHARISEE ☐ **TEMPLE** ☐

TAX ☐ **COLLECTOR** ☐

HUMBLE ☐ **PEOPLE** ☐

PLEASE ☐ **GOD** ☐

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

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

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"If you _____ yourself _____ be praised by _____"

This week let's make a special effort to: say sorry to each other if we have done wrong; praise other people's strengths and successes; regularly remember to thank God for our own gifts.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

Wednesday 29th October

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

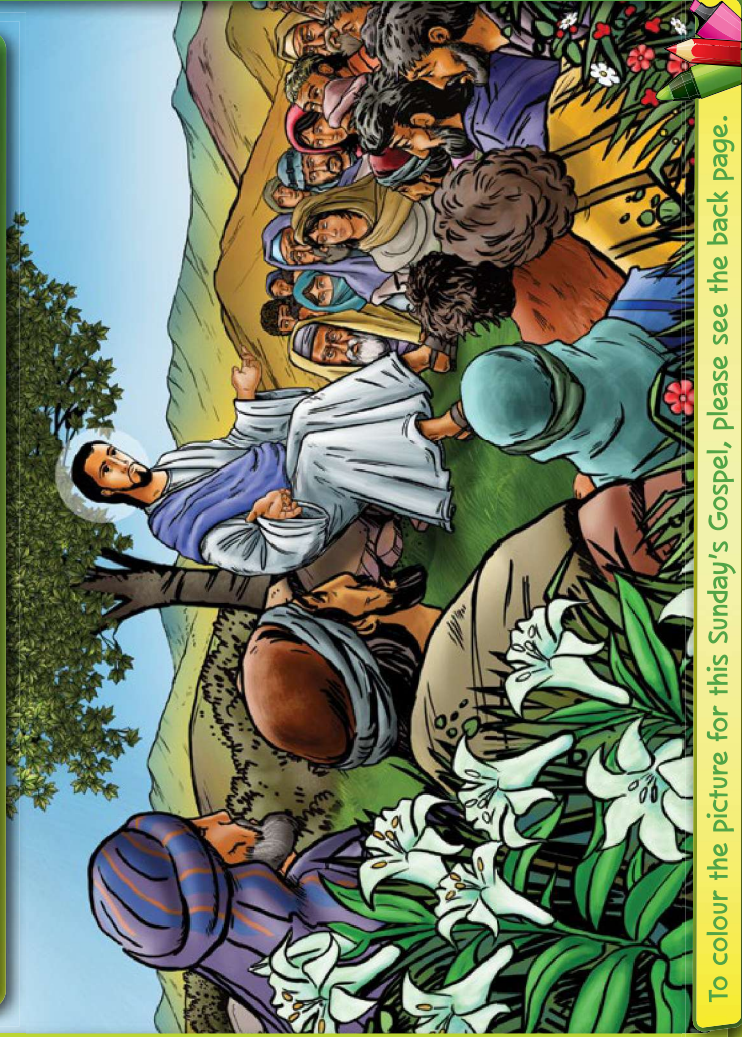
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. "Blessed are people who know they need God, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. Blessed are people who are gentle, for the earth is theirs. Blessed are people who are sad now, for God will comfort them. Blessed are people who work for justice, for God will give them all they need. Blessed are people who show mercy, for they will have mercy shown to them. Blessed are the people whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Blessed are people who make peace, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are people who are treated badly for doing what God wants, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. So, blessed are you when people insult you and mistreat you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



From the Gospel of Sunday 2nd November 2025 Cf. Matthew 5:1-12 (The Feast of All Saints)

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 **SAINTS**.



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

2 Wednesday's Word

SAINTS

"We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness." St Bernard of Clairvaux

What did Jesus say belongs to people who know they need God? This Sunday we celebrate the feast of 'All Saints' – those people whom the church recognises as models of love and who are already in heaven. In this Sunday's Gospel, the blessings which promise happiness are called the Beatitudes and they show us the path that will lead us closer to God. The saints tried hard to follow the teaching of these beatitudes in their day-to-day lives – Jesus calls us to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'saint' means to them. Which saints have they heard about? Which one is their favourite and why? Are they, or you, named after a saint or do they know anyone who is named after a saint?

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (this Sunday's Gospel) is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has guided the saints throughout the ages. Did you know that the Catholic Church dedicates every Wednesday to Saint Joseph (the patron saint of families) and Wednesday Word Family Time is also dedicated to him? Which people do you know who try to follow these teachings and show some of the saintly qualities described in this Gospel? Each of you decide on one way that you can be a 'blessing' to others this week (you may want to read this Sunday's Gospel again for some ideas).

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to see and admire the saintly qualities in others and help me to grow more like you each day. Amen.

WORDSEARCH

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

JESUS

CROWDS

DISCIPLES

BLESSED

REJOICE

GLAD

REWARD

HEAVEN



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

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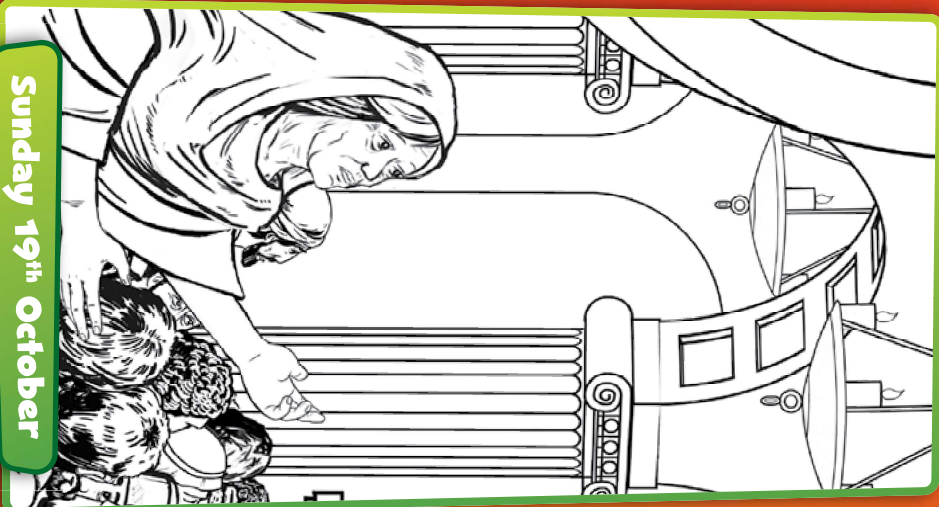
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"Blessed _____ people who know they _____ God, for _____ Kingdom of Heaven belongs to _____."



There are special saints to whom we can turn if we need help. These are called 'patron saints'. We can call upon these saints, taking our cares and concerns to them, knowing that they will pray to God with us and for us.

THE Wednesday
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SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 19th October



Sunday 26th October



Sunday 2nd November