



Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world. Jesus is returning to his Father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven.

Jesus tells the disciples to trust in him. No amount of worrying will increase their safety or comfort; it's through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope. We too are called to trust in Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit we carry on his work and are empowered to do even greater works.

This does not mean performing a series of great, flashy miracles. It means being Christ in the world around us, generously sharing the love he brings into our own lives with those we meet. This isn't easy - it never was - but trust in Jesus and see what happens!

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **TRUST**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me."



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 7th May 2023



On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his friends, the disciples. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he said. "Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going now to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you with me so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Then Thomas, a disciple, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

Adapted from John 14:1-12

The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

"Put your trust in God, dear young friends! He knows and loves us." *Pope Francis*



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his followers not to be troubled, but to trust in him. Jesus also wants us to place all our trust in him. There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in Jesus frees us from worrying in this life, and is the way to the joys of everlasting life too.

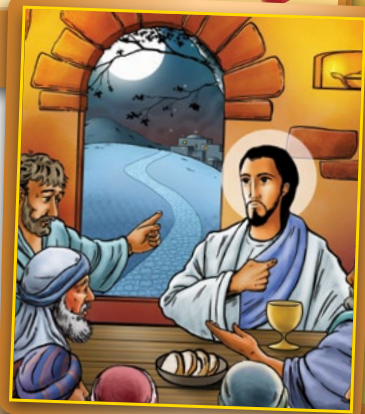


1 Our Special Time Together

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

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Who did Jesus say we should trust in? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? What does the Gospel picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

TRUST

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Those who trust in God can do all things." *St Alphonsus Liguori*

Ask your child what the word 'trust' means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who does your child really trust and why do they trust them? Ask your child if they can think of a time when they were trusted. Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why you trust them.

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care."

St Augustine of Hippo

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and he asks us to place our trust in him. Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in God. Perhaps, rather than worry, pray and offer any concerns to Jesus. **How can we show God, and others, that we are people who they can trust?** Perhaps we can always try to: tell the truth; choose to do the right thing; be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; keep our promises.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for teaching us the truth and showing us the way to everlasting life. Please help us always to place our **trust** in you. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- PREPARE PLACE**
- MANY ROOMS**
- FATHER'S HOUSE**
- TRUST JESUS**

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 **m i c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"Do not let your _____ be _____
 Trust in _____ and _____ in me."

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples were probably worried because Jesus would be leaving them. So Jesus comforts them by promising to prepare a place of everlasting happiness for them in his Father's house - that is in heaven.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

