



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

In the Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes what will happen when he comes again at the end of time. Like a shepherd who calls his sheep to follow him, Jesus invites people to be with him forever. The only requirement is that we should have loved our neighbour: that is, we should have looked after our neighbour in need.

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

The Gospel reminds us that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly.

Just follow the simple steps overleaf to enjoy a very special time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **KINDNESS**.

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 26th November 2023



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'"

Adapted from Matthew 25:31-46
The Feast of Christ the King, Year A

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

"The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness."

Pope Francis



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is present in all people, especially in the sick, anyone in need, and also he is present in you and in me. What we do for others, we do for Jesus – even small, everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

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What did Jesus say the people on his right hand would inherit? Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the Gospel picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

KINDNESS

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Loving God & Each Other

"Give something however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing." *St Gregory Nazianzus*

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the true value of kindness. Ask your child what the word 'kindness' means to them. To be kind is to be considerate and helpful – to have concern for others. Each of you speak about a kind person: at school, at work, or in the community. How do they show their kindness? Who has been especially kind to you? Have you done anything especially kind recently?

"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'" *Pope Francis*

We learn to be kind by receiving kindness – and our homes are great places to learn: families can be schools of kindness. In this coming week, in what ways can we show kindness to each other or to those who really need help? Perhaps we can: be more helpful around the house; share more and donate to a local food bank; as a family, show compassion through visiting or sending a card to someone who is lonely, sick or housebound; support a Charity that helps the homeless.

* Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to see you in everyone I meet, and be **kind** to all, especially to those that I sometimes find it difficult to love. Amen. *

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



JESUS RETURNS



PEOPLE GATHERED



SHEEP GOATS



KINDNESS HEAVEN



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

Cross out the letters **u l n** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus _____ to his disciples, "Whatever _____ you did for _____ in need, you did for _____."



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

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we can help Jesus' kingdom to grow on earth through acts of kindness and charity. In the Church these are known as 'Works of Mercy'.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

