



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Sadducees (who thought themselves rather superior) did not believe in the resurrection or heaven, but they came to ask Jesus what marriage would be like in heaven.

Jesus knew that they didn't really want an answer to their question; they were just trying to trap and embarrass him. So he gave a two-fold response to their question.

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Firstly, marriage is for this life: in heaven love is unlimited and embraces everyone equally. Secondly, in God, we all remain alive, safe and treasured. We were created for heaven: to live in complete harmony and happiness with God and each other – forever!

Enjoy a very special *Family Time* together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HEAVEN**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



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

**"How beautiful Heaven
must be! Take heart!"**

St John Bosco



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 6th November 2022



Some of the Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they asked him what he thought marriage would be like in heaven. Jesus knew that they didn't really want an answer to their question; they were just trying to trap him. So Jesus showed them that they didn't understand the resurrection by saying: "In heaven, people do not get married or die; they are like the angels; they are the children of God and will live with God forever. Moses himself implies that people will live again in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all people are in fact alive."

Adapted from
Luke 20:27-38 (the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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

**"We believe that there is another
life because we have already begun
to feel it here."** Pope Francis



For almost 2000 years, people have been joyfully celebrating Jesus' resurrection (his life beyond death) and his return to heaven. Jesus' resurrection assures us that he is close to us now, that heaven exists, and that everlasting happiness in the life to come with God and each other can be our hope too.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

There were a group of people called Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection (that people would live with God forever in heaven). One day, some of them came to Jesus and asked him what he thought marriage would be like in heaven. Jesus knew that they didn't really want an answer to their question; they were just trying to trap him. So Jesus showed them that they didn't understand the resurrection by saying: "In heaven, people do not get married or die; they are like the angels; they are the children of God and will live with him forever."

What didn't the Sadducees believe? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

HEAVEN



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Loving God & Each Other

"In your work or troubles, never forget that we have a great reward stored up for us in heaven. God does not forget our good works." *St John Bosco*

Throughout the gospels, Jesus reminds us that heaven is real. In the Bible, heaven is described in many ways. It is likened to a city, a beautiful garden, a kingdom and a place of great beauty and happiness. Ask your child what the word 'heaven' means to them. Ask them what they think heaven is like. It may help your child to tell them some of your own thoughts about heaven.

"We are all of the same stock and members of the one human family; we have the same Father in heaven and we are all his children." *Pope Francis*

We were created for heaven! Jesus' resurrection is the promise of eternal life - to live in complete harmony and happiness with God and each other - forever! Until that time, we can pray for all our loved ones who have left this world, that they may share in all the joys of heaven. Why not end tonight's Family Time by offering the prayer below for those loved ones? Then come along to church this Sunday to light a candle.

Our Father who art in **heaven**, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in **heaven**. Give us this day our daily bread...

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



JESUS SADDUCEES

PEOPLE RESURRECT

GOD'S CHILDREN

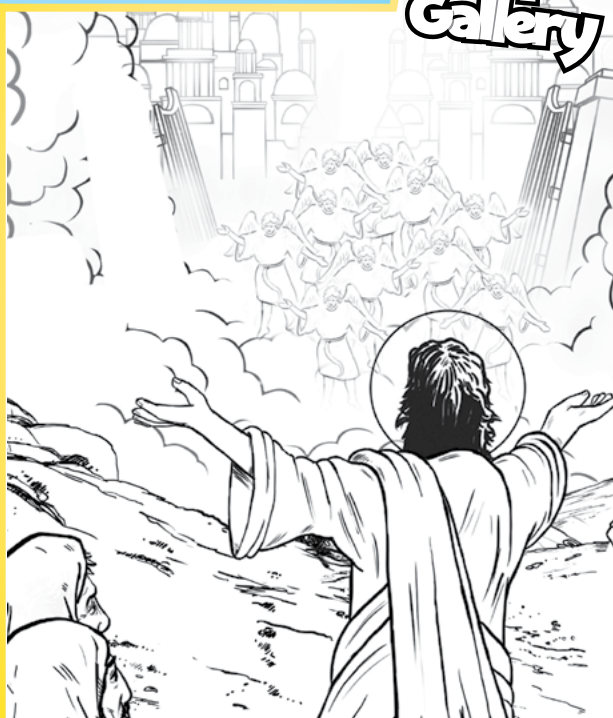
FOREVER HEAVEN

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

Cross out the letters **d t u** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"In _____, people are _____ the angels;
and will _____ with God _____."



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

Through living in God's loving ways while on earth (being kind, forgiving, faithful, peaceful and caring) we can help each other to feel something of the joy that God has in store for us. Jesus shows us and helps us to live our lives in this way.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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