

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

**THE** Wednesday  
**WORD**



## SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom – God's kingdom.

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them and to bring them the peace of God, and he sent out his disciples to do the same. Today, the Church continues Jesus' work and invites everyone to enter into God's kingdom – to make present God's blessing of peace and healing.

Everywhere I go I can spread either gossip or peace, either hurt or God's healing – the healing which Jesus brought as he went round the countryside.

I may not be able to heal physically, but I can spread the healing of peace in my community. Enjoy your week and help reveal **GOD'S KINGDOM**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



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

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023



When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his twelve disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." He then gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: "Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

Adapted from  
Matthew 9: 36-10:8 (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)

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

"It is in the human heart that God's kingdom takes root and grows." *Pope Francis*



God's kingdom is right here - right now! When we welcome Jesus into our lives and try to live as he taught us, God's kingdom grows within our hearts. Within our families, and everywhere we go, we can help to reveal God's kingdom, sharing God's healing love and peace - making life better for all.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



# 1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Jesus felt sorry for the crowds because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. So, he gave his disciples the power to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness and said: "Now go to the people and tell them that the kingdom of heaven will soon be here. Cure the sick, raise the dead to life and heal the lepers. You received without paying, now give without being paid."

What did Jesus tell the disciples to say to the people? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

# 2 Wednesday's Words are ...

## GOD'S KINGDOM

# 3 Loving God & Each Other

"Where Christ is, there is the kingdom of God." *St Ambrose*

God loves all people equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom - today! Ask your child what the words 'God's kingdom' mean to them. We can see God's kingdom in the person of Jesus and demonstrated through the loving actions of others. Ask your child who brings peace, joy, happiness, love, kindness or understanding into their lives (you might like to give your child an example of your own). Where and when does your child personally experience these special gifts?

"The kingdom is hidden within you; it is found in your own soul." *St Isaac of Nineveh*

We can help God's kingdom of peace and healing to grow within and around us through the little things that we do and say. Each of you choose one way in which you can help the kingdom of God to grow. Perhaps you can: be more helpful around the house; share more; support a child, family or project at school where help is needed. Why not get involved with a charity that helps the poorest in the world (e.g. visit [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk) or [Missio.org.uk](http://Missio.org.uk))?



Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to build your kingdom in our hearts and in the world - to do your work on earth with love and care for all. Amen.

# Gospel Gallery

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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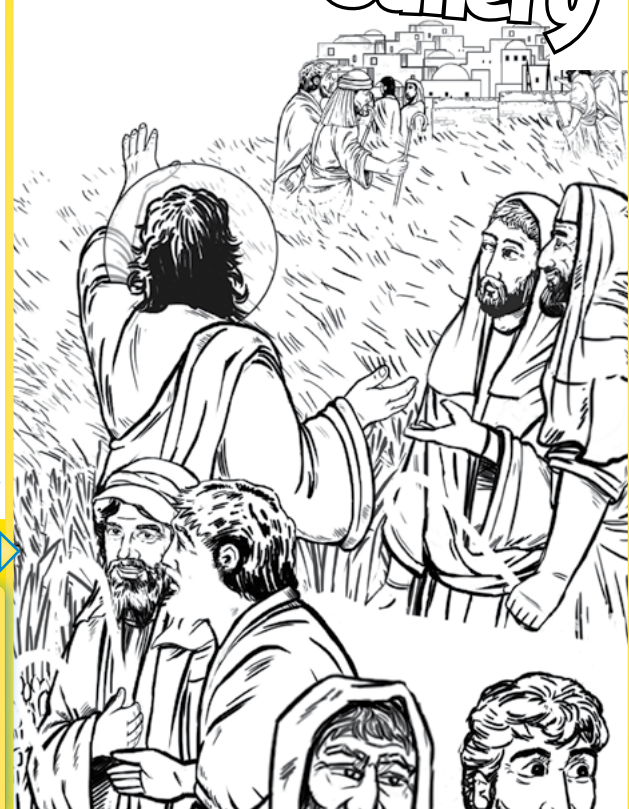
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

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

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Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ who are sick and say, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is very \_\_\_\_\_ to you.'"



Just like Jesus' first followers, we too should work to bring peace and healing to other people by the things we say and the way we behave.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...

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