



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter (after a night of failed fishing) is finally successful and realises his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions.

It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life. Simply following our desires and feelings, which often change, can leave us feeling unsatisfied. Jesus invites each and every one of us to make following him our most important priority.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FOLLOW**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

*"To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being."*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025



When Jesus had finished teaching by the lakeside he said to Simon Peter, "Sail out into deep water and let down your nets." "Master," Simon Peter replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will let down the nets." And when he and his companions had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear and they filled their two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made. But Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Adapted from Luke 5:1-11  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

### Having Hope in our Families

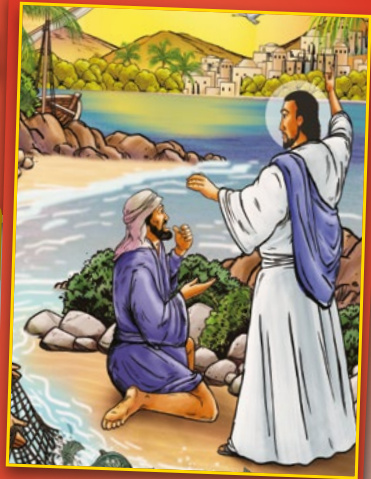
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus promised the fishermen that, if they followed him, they would bring home more than fish: they would bring people back to God. By following Jesus, we too can help others to know and love God - to find the happiness which comes from knowing and following Jesus.





# Good News for Families

## 10 MINUTES TOGETHER TIME



### 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

After working all night the fishermen had caught nothing. So Jesus said to Peter and his friends, "Sail out into deep water and let down your nets." They did as Jesus said and caught so many fish that their nets began to burst. Peter and his friends were amazed by the catch. Then Jesus said, "From now on you will be fishers of people." So Peter and the fishermen left everything and followed him.

**What did Peter and the fishermen leave everything to do?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

Through the miraculous catch, Peter saw Jesus in a new light. Peter's humility made him fit to be a follower of Jesus and he went on to discover his true purpose in life.

Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow? How has that person made things better for them, for someone else or for a community? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.



The Church has always understood this Sunday's Gospel to be a sign of our own need to follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus even in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for everyone around us. In this coming week, how can we follow Jesus, even in little ways? Perhaps we can: be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; find regular time to pray for others; be kind and include others in our games.

## FOLLOW



3 + Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to follow you. Please help us to be your faithful followers - helping our world to become a better place. Amen. \*



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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- CAUGHT
- NOTHING
- AMAZING CATCH
- LEFT EVERYTHING
- FOLLOWED JESUS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u k m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**maufrakid knomuw fiksherusm samkidu**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; from \_\_\_\_\_ on you will be \_\_\_\_\_ of people."

There may be times when we have to stop doing certain things to follow Jesus (rather than 'following the crowd'). Let's try to follow Jesus this week by leaving behind anything which we know is not right and then try to do all the good we can.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley