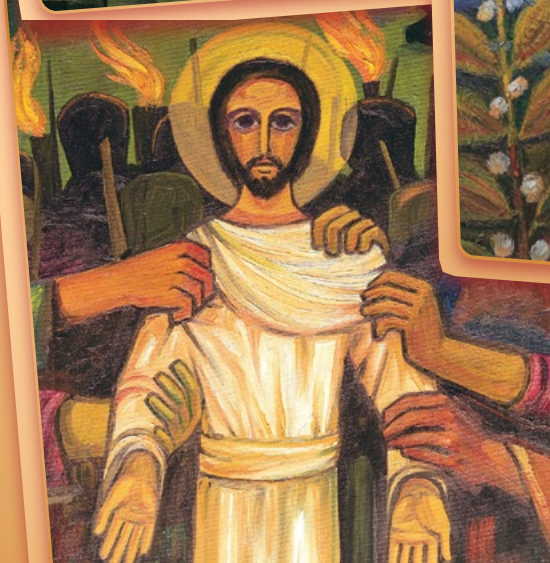
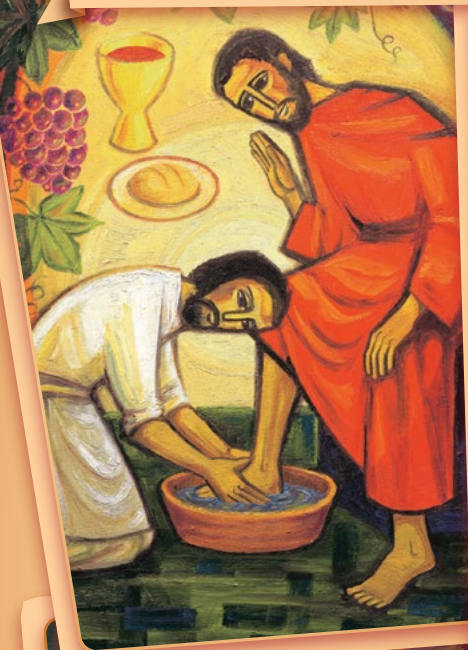


THE **WORD** Wednesday **LENT & EASTER 2025**

A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish



1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Living Lent 2025

Jesus was teaching in the Temple when the teachers of the Law brought a woman to him who had broken the Law. They said to Jesus, "Master, this woman has broken the Law and should be stoned to death. What have you to say?" Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." When they heard this they went away quietly, one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman. Then Jesus asked the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I. Go, but do not sin any more," said Jesus.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 6th April 2025 Cf. John 8:1-11 (the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **NEW START**.



"Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say to the woman? This Sunday's Gospel reveals the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need for each one of us, in our own way, to make a new start with God. Regardless of our past, each day we are given an opportunity to make a new start. Jesus just waits for us with the gentleness and patience of God. Lent is traditionally a time for making a new start. Ask your child if they have made any new starts this Lent. If so, how's it going? How does their new start help them or others? It may help your child if you mention any new starts you have made recently - or especially for Lent - and tell them how it's going for you.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come.

We have only today. Let us begin." St Teresa of Calcutta

God is always ready to help us to start afresh. As Easter approaches, are there any new starts that we can make with our family, friends or with God? Perhaps we can: remember to start each morning with a prayer and thank God for each new day and for each other; make a new start with church; follow Jesus' example in this Sunday's Gospel by being merciful to others. You may also like to choose something new to start together that will strengthen your family.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to be more understanding and always ready to make a **new start** with you and with each other. Amen.



SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE 8 WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

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

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"Has no _ _ _ condemned you?" "No one, _ _ _," she _ _ _ _ _ . "Neither do I," _ _ _ _ _ Jesus.

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We all sometimes do wrong things which upset others and can make us feel sad too. But God still loves us and will always give us the strength to make a new start with him and with each other.

This week I will try my best to ...

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1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

The time had come for Jesus to go to Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples, telling them, "Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a donkey that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you are to say this, 'The Master needs it.'" They went off and found everything just as he had told them. So they took the donkey to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he set off, people spread their cloaks and branches from palm trees in the road in front of him. The whole group of disciples joyfully praised God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted, "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 13th April 2025 - Luke 19:28-40 (Passion/Palm Sunday, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY WEEK**

2

"To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving." Pope Francis

What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. As a family, look at the pictures on the front cover of this booklet. What do they remind you of or make you think about? Ask your child what they have been learning at school about the events of Holy Week.

3

"The Church is born from Jesus' supreme act of love on the Cross." Pope Francis

Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. For ideas, please see: catholicchurch.org.uk



Dear Lord Jesus, as **Holy Week** approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

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1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 20th April 2025 - John 20:1-9 (Easter Sunday, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **EASTER**

2

"Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ!" Pope Francis

Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb? This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday. This is the day when the Church throughout the world especially remembers and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus - his rising in glory. Look at the picture above. What does it remind you of or make you think about? Ask your child what they know about Easter Sunday. On this day, people renew their baptismal promises together in Church. It may help your child if you tell them something else that you know, or have experienced, about Easter.

3

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms." Pope Francis

Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness. All are warmly invited to come and join with the Church community this Sunday and celebrate the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives. As a family, share ideas about what you might also do to celebrate Easter Sunday and make it special. Who can you help to have a happy Easter?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for this Sunday's wonderful celebration of your resurrection. Please bless my family with new life throughout the great Season of **Easter**. Amen.

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Good News for Families



Wednesday
23rd April 2025

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

The disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there when Jesus came and he refused to believe what had happened. One week later, they were in the room again, and Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 27th April 2025 - John 20:19-31 (the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **BELIEVE**

2 "We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: I believe!" Pope Francis

What did Jesus say about those who believed without seeing? After seeing the risen Jesus, Thomas believed that he was alive - he still is! Believing in the resurrection adds something very special to our lives and this cannot be found anywhere else. Jesus invited Thomas to believe and he makes the same invitation to you and me. Ask your child what the word 'believe' means to them, and what it means to 'believe' in Jesus. Each of you say one way that believing in Jesus improves life?

3 Jesus' resurrection - his victory over death - is the greatest event in history! Even though, like Thomas, you may sometimes have doubts, be assured that, when you do doubt, Jesus is still truly close to you and ready to help you to believe. As we journey through Easter, which of the following ways could best help you, as a family, to grow in your belief in Jesus? Perhaps it could be: reading about what Jesus did and said; being with others who believe; asking God to help you grow in belief; living out Jesus' teachings and seeing the difference it makes to your lives.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help our **belief** in you to grow, through recognising your presence in the loving words and actions of those around us. Amen.

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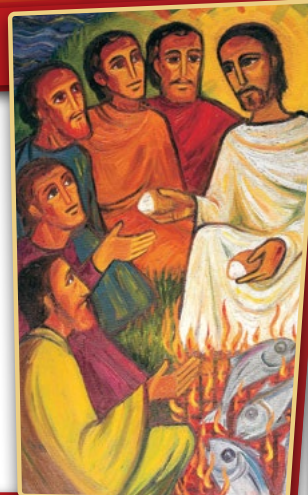
Good News for Families



Wednesday
30th April 2025

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples for the third time. The disciples had been out fishing and as soon as they came ashore they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after my sheep." Then he said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 4th May 2025 - John 21:1-19 (the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **WITNESS**

2 "Dear young people, Jesus is counting on you to be his friends and witnesses to his infinite love." Pope Francis

What was Peter's reply to Jesus' questions? What three things did Jesus tell Peter to do? Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times before the crucifixion. But now Jesus gives Peter the chance to say he loves him three times - preparing Peter to lead the Church. From this point onwards, St Peter's life witnessed to the truth about Jesus. Ask your child what the word 'witness' means to them. Who has recently brought the message of Jesus to your child? Who does your child know to be a great witness for Jesus?

3 St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Because of his witness, many people came to know and follow Jesus. Through our words, actions and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. Choose a special way to be Jesus' witnesses - sharing and showing God's love to everyone you meet in this coming week. Perhaps you can: be kind and loving in your simple everyday words and actions; be a peacemaker; pray and ask God to make you a good witness.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to be your **witnesses** by our love, so that others will come to know the joy of knowing you. Amen.

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Can you find the following words in the Scripture Square?



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PETER WITNESSED

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THERE ARE 8 MISSING PARTS IN THE BLACK AND WHITE PICTURE.
FIND AND DRAW THE MISSING PARTS BEFORE COLOURING IN.

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