



Wednesday 10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Corpus Christi [two Latin words which mean 'the Body of Christ']. This is traditionally a time when children make their First Holy Communion.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers the gift of himself to his listeners in the synagogue. The disciples would have been shocked - Jesus was offering to nourish them with his life.

Today, Jesus wants us to experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of everlasting life. He wants to strengthen and to nourish each one of us - he is the Bread of Life.

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

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 14th JUNE 2020



Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert - they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."

Adapted from John 6:51-58

The Feast of Corpus Christi, Year A

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

"Dear Families, listen to the Word of God. Be constantly nourished by the Word of God." Pope Francis



To nourish means to feed and help grow. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus nourishes our souls. We can experience Jesus in prayer, in one another, and particularly in Holy Communion, which Jesus went on to establish at the Last Supper with his disciples.

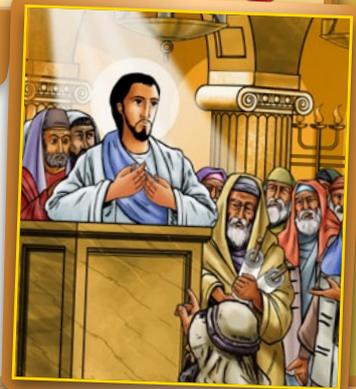


1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. They live in me and I live in them and I will raise them up on the last day. The bread I give is my life, which I give to be the life of the world. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert - they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."

What did Jesus say he was? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? What does the Sunday Gospel picture make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

NOURISH



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Jesus' words are the most nourishing food for the soul."

Pope Francis

With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it is: a special friendship; your faith; being praised; praying; a hobby or sport; the Church and the sacraments; the love and care you receive. Who gives you these things?

"Let us be nourished by daily prayer."

Pope Francis

Let's give thanks to Jesus - the Bread of Life! Who else should we remember to thank in this coming week for nourishing us (e.g. parents, carers, teachers, priests, grandparents or friends)? Which people can we nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish them? Perhaps we can: encourage someone; give something to a food bank or a local charity; help and offer hope to others. For tonight's closing prayer, why not slowly say the 'Our Father' together (see below)?



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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

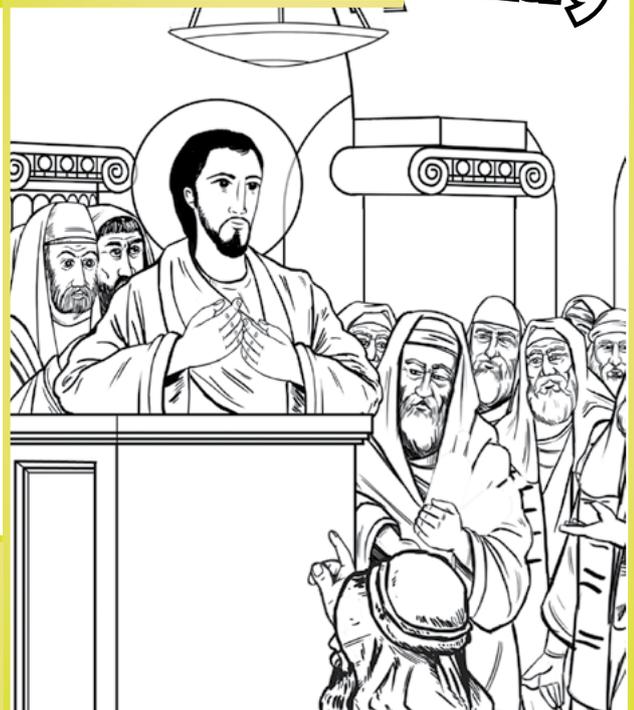
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JESUS
- CHRIST
- LIVING BREAD
- FROM HEAVEN
- LIVE FOREVER

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



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

Cross out the letters **C S U** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, "The _____ I give is my _____, which I _____ to be the life of the _____."

Jesus wants to nourish and strengthen us because he loves us so much. He wants us to be closer to him and closer to each other, so that we can make life better for others too.



Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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