



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate - and the rich man does nothing to help him.

It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Pope Francis reminds us that "A simple lifestyle is good for us, helping us to better share with those in need." The question of a successful life is "How did I use what God had given me to help others?"

So, let's not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today. Enjoy your week and help share God's love.

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 25th September 2022



Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He looked up from Hades and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this heat.' 'My son,' Abraham replied, 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here.'"

Adapted from
Luke 16:19-31 (the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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

"The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor." *Pope Francis*

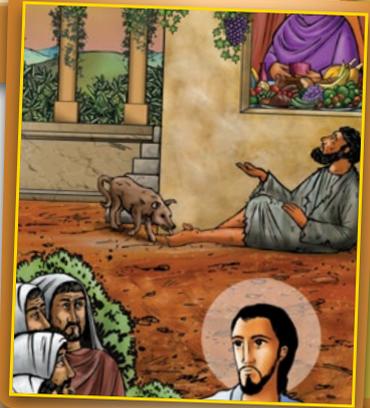


God wants each one of us to share with people who are in need – people around us and people all over the world and, just like Lazarus, to share in God’s everlasting happiness now and forever.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



Jesus said, “There was a rich man who always wore the most expensive clothes and always ate the best food every day. There was also a very poor man, named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to sit outside the rich man’s house. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the scraps of left-over food that the rich man didn’t want. When Lazarus died, he was carried away by the angels to heaven. But the rich man, who had ignored poor Lazarus and did not help him, was not taken to heaven.”

Why did Lazarus sit outside the rich man’s house? 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 Word is ...

SHARING



3 Loving God & Each Other

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing.” *St Gregory Nazianzus*

Ask your child what the word ‘sharing’ means to them. Ask them to talk about a time when they shared something. Is it easy or difficult for them to share things, and why? Sharing is part of everyday life, particularly family life. Talk about when your family shares with others. Who has recently shared something with your child? How did your child feel to be on the receiving end of someone’s generosity?

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
St Francis of Assisi

Jesus told the story of Lazarus so that we would understand how important it is to share and to be kind. True happiness comes from sharing and giving, just as much as it comes from receiving. Even small, everyday acts of sharing around the home, school or in the workplace are most valuable in God’s eyes. What difference would it make to our school and to the world if we shared more? Each of you choose a way in which you can share at home, at school or in the community in the coming week.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us with many good things. Please help us to see the needs of others and to share with anyone in need. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- HUNGRY MAN**
- SORES GATE**
- ANGELS CARRIED**
- LAZARUS HEAVEN**

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 **o b t** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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“When _____ died, he was carried _____ by the _____ to _____.”

Today we celebrate the feast day of St Matthew.

Although he worked as a tax collector, once Jesus called him, St Matthew gave up everything to follow Jesus and share the good news. To find out more see the ‘Saints Stories’ icon in the children’s section at wednesdayword.org

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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