



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.

To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

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



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 6th February 2022



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 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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

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

Pope Francis

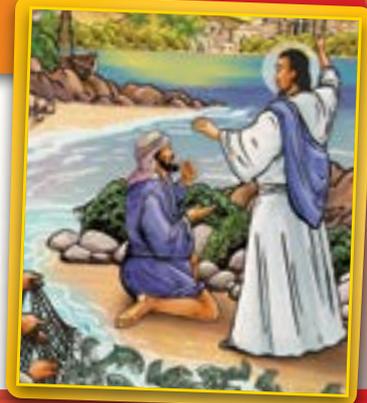


In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus promised the fishermen that, if they followed him, they would bring home more than fish: they would bring people back to God. By following Jesus, we too can help others to know and love God - to find the happiness which comes from knowing and following Jesus.



1 Our Special Time Together

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



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? Look at the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

FOLLOW



3 Loving God & Each Other

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 all the family and 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; show others how to do the right thing and avoid what is wrong.

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.

Gospel Gallery

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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**



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

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

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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') if it feels wrong. 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.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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