



Wednesday 14th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it."

In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment – they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too – today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

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

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A **Word** from the **Saints**

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 18th May 2025



When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

*Adapted from John 13:31-35
The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
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 talks about love. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus wants us to share his love in the world. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to love others. He wants each one of us to experience the life-giving happiness which comes from following his new commandment – to love one another as he loves us.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1

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

Jesus had gathered his friends, the disciples, together for the Last Supper. After Judas left the room Jesus said, "I shall not be with you much longer. But now I am giving you a new commandment: you must love one another in the same way as I have loved you. If you do this, everyone will know that you are my friends."

What new commandment has Jesus given to us?

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...

"Love is the only language everyone understands."

St Joseph Fienademetz

LOVE



God is love and all love comes from God. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Ask your child who they love. What does your child think it means to 'love one another'. Who makes your child feel especially loved: a) at home? b) at school? c) at church or in the community? Ask your child when they recently felt especially loved. When did your child last show love towards someone? How did they show their love?



Each of you decide on something you can do in the coming days to share your love - to love as Jesus loves. Perhaps you can: as a family, visit someone who may be sick or lonely; be extra helpful by putting others' needs first; show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; include someone in your games who may be feeling left out.

3

* Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us always to love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen. *

FINDING THREE

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C O M M S U P P E R S
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J T D N A M M O C L T

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



JESUS DISCIPLES



LAST SUPPER

NEW COMMAND

LOVE SAME

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



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **ck i** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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_____ said, "You must _____ one another
in the _____ way as I _____ loved you."



Jesus went back to his Father but he gave us a special job to do. Jesus wants us to love each other. When we care for and look after each other, through our words and through our actions, we are following Jesus' new commandment.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley