THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

# A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School

## Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come.

God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

**A Word from the Saints**

*"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."* St Teresa of Calcutta

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 14th September 2025

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven – that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."

*Adapted from John 3:13-17*

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

**Having Hope in our Families**

It is self-giving which makes people truly great, warmly remembered and deeply loved. The happiest people on earth are actually those who are self-giving and serve others. So enjoy your week together – bring peace and joy into your home and community by sharing God's love, through your self-giving.

**SPREAD THE WORD** and bring **GOOD NEWS** to your friends by sharing ***THE WEDNESDAY WORD***

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# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME (10 MINUTES)

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus (who was a teacher of the law), "No one has gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven – that is, the Son of Man. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; he sent him to save the world."

**Why did God send his Son into the world?**

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...

"It is in giving that we receive."
*St Francis of Assisi*

**SELF-GIVING**

**Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that they know? In what ways are those people self-giving?** Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared their sweets, their time, their toys, or gave something up to help make someone else happy. It may help your child if you can talk about someone you know to be self-giving, and say why.

**How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community?** Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; be polite and let others go first; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give some of our leisure time to be with God in prayer; pray for someone in need.

## 3

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us, and for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and self-giving. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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**SMART**SEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- GOD LOVES
- GAVE JESUS
- SAVE WORLD
- ETERNAL LIFE

**SUPER**SEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

## FINDING THREE

**Find** and **draw 3** differences, then colour the picture

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

**guaviek** **Skouni** **kloviedu** **woukrild**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ so much that he _ _ _ _ _ his only _ _ _."

We prove our love by our actions. It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. To truly follow Jesus we must be kind and self-giving.

**This week I will try my best to...**

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**Write** a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley