



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life.

Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him - to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Choosing to follow Jesus is not always easy; it demands commitment. But it helps our families to keep growing in love and leads us to happiness in this life, and in the life to come.

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



A Word from  
Pope Francis

"Lent is a journey during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting."

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Jesus said, "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves their life loses it; anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. Whoever serves me, must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour them. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself." By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Adapted from John 12: 20-33  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel  
in church: all are very warmly invited.

Good News  
for Everyone

Jesus always welcomes anybody who wants to follow him. We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, helpful, try to make peace and put others' needs before our own. We can be sure that Jesus is always waiting and wanting to help us to follow him.

To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)



# Good News for Families



## Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them."



**1** Jesus said to his friends, the disciples, "If you do not bury a grain of wheat, it stays just one grain. But if you bury it in the ground, it dies, and then produces a rich harvest. In the same way, those who are willing to give up their lives to help others will be given everlasting life. Whoever serves me must follow me. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will bring all people to myself." By these words Jesus made it known how he would die.

**What did Jesus say we must do to serve him?** Which 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 ...

# FOLLOW

## 3 Loving & Growing

"Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus." *Pope Francis*

"Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds."

*Pope Francis*

Following Jesus includes respecting and caring for those who sometimes may be rejected or neglected. 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 someone, for a family, for friends or for your school? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.

We can follow Jesus 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 you 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 generous; go out of your way to support anyone who needs your help.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us and for calling us to **follow** you, so that our world may become a better place. Amen.



**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture



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

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Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_ up from the \_\_\_\_\_, I will bring all \_\_\_\_\_ to myself."

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 Lent by leaving behind anything which we know is not right and then try to do all the good we can.

**This week I will try my best to...**  
.....  
**Write** a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley



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