



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Catholic schools were built to help grow the kingdom of God on earth. We too are called to play our part; it's a commitment which brings many rewards.

Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures or parables to make his teaching clearer. In this Sunday's Gospel, to explain God's kingdom, Jesus uses images drawn from the fields around him.

This Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom – God's kingdom of love. God loves all people

equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom.

Within our families, and everywhere we go, we can help to reveal God's kingdom, sharing the love and peace which Jesus brought as he went teaching around the countryside.

Enjoy listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOD'S KINGDOM**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



A Word from Pope Francis

*"It is in the human heart that the kingdom takes root and grows."*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Jesus said to the crowds: "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps and when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord, the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because harvest time has come." Then Jesus said, "Here is another example of what the kingdom of God is like. It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of all the seeds; yet, once it is planted in the ground, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade." Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

*Adapted from Mark 4:26-34*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share ▶

### Good News for Everyone

When we try to live as Jesus taught us, God's kingdom grows within our hearts. It's a kingdom of truth filled with love, holiness, justice, happiness and healing. Today, the Church invites us all to enter into God's kingdom and to help it to grow here on earth.



# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

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

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**What is Jesus teaching about in this Sunday's Gospel?**

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.

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Words...

"The kingdom is hidden within you; it is found in your own soul." *St Isaac of Nineveh*

## GOD'S KINGDOM



Ask your child what the words 'God's kingdom' mean to them. We can see God's kingdom in the person of Jesus and demonstrated through the loving actions of others. Ask your child who brings peace, joy, love, happiness, kindness or understanding into their lives (you might like to give your child an example of your own). Where and when does your child personally experience these special gifts?



We can see God's kingdom growing - right here - right now in everyday acts of kindness! We too can help God's kingdom to grow within and around us through the little things that we do and say. Choose one way in which you can help the kingdom of God to grow. Perhaps you can: be more helpful around the house; share more; support a child, family or project at school where help is needed (e.g. visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) & [missiontogether.org.uk](http://missiontogether.org.uk)).

### 3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care. Please help us to build your kingdom in our hearts - to do your work with love and care for all. Amen.

## FINDING FIVE

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CROWDS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>JESUS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SEED GROWS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REAP HARVEST</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GODS KINGDOM</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **a b f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**kibnagdotm Gabotd Jatesbus actrobwds**

\_\_\_\_\_ said to the \_\_\_\_\_ :

"This is what the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is like."



This week, Jesus tells a parable. Jesus told parables to help us to understand important things about God and his kingdom. Just as seeds steadily grow, God's kingdom is growing all around us and we can all be part of this wonderful growth.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley