



Wednesday 4th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction.

Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path.

Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life.

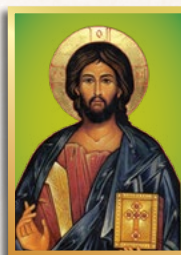
Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LIFE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



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

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 8th May 2022



Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

Adapted from
John 10:27-30 (the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

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

"Life is a gift from God. The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life." Pope Francis



**HAVING FAITH
IN YOUR FAMILY**

The Gospel above or the **FAMILY TIME** section overleaf can be read independently by adults or children alike. However, reading the gospels as a family really does help the family to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

Parents and children can find out more about the Catholic faith at: wednesdayword.org & catholicchurch.org.uk

Jesus wants us to share in his life because he loves us so much. He offers us eternal life and that's a gift which we can begin to receive today. When we listen to Jesus and follow him we can already begin to experience eternal life, to live in God's love, here and now!

John 10:27-30



1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

One day, Jesus said to the disciples, "My sheep listen to my voice. I know my sheep and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

What does Jesus give to those who follow him? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

LIFE



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Eternal life does not just mean a life that lasts forever but also a new quality of existence, fully immersed in God's love."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Ask your child what the word 'life' means to them. Ask your child who, or what, makes their life happy right now. What is most important to them in their life? It may help your child if you tell them something that gives you life, or is important in your life. You might want to tell your child how they make your life special.

"To live well is to love God with all your heart." *St Augustine*

How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week, and make life better for others at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: always tell the truth; be generous and share; listen carefully to wise parents, teachers and other good people; show our gratitude to all those who teach and lead us through life, and pray for them too; help someone to feel special and valued - to feel alive.



Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through **life**. Please help us to follow you always. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- SHEEP
- KNOW
- LISTEN
- FOLLOW
- ETERNAL
- LIFE
- JESUS
- FATHER

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



Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **u b d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

beterdnalu kunbowd shudebep fodlulowb

Jesus said, "I _____ my _____ and they _____ me. I give them _____ life."



Jesus continues to be our Good Shepherd through the lives of people who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. He wants to make our lives special and complete, and he wants us to make life better for others too.



Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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