

THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Good News for Families

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 27th May

Wednesday 3rd June

Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

Wednesday 20th May 2026

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 24th May 2026. John 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PENTECOST**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

PENTECOST

"Pentecost is the birthday of the Church." St John XXIII

Why did Jesus breathe on the disciples? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they know about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: **Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control.** Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you or help those around you? As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

3

Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at **Pentecost**, and also each day throughout the year.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- PENTECOST GATHERED
- DOORS LOCKED
- JESUS APPEARED
- BREATHED SPIRIT

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

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O P T Z D O R N U G R D
C A E M S I M S Z A E D
K P E N T E C O S T A E
E P L H T M N T E H T R
D E H T A E R B J E H A
L A N D E R C O L R E E
S R E O O R S O N E D P P
D E R E H T A G S D H P
P D S R S P I R I G A

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

Hukmly samukid mubreakthed Supmirkit
Jesus _____ on them. "Receive the _____," he _____ to them.

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley
This week I will try my best to...
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Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert - they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 7th June 2026. John 6:51-58 (The Feast of Corpus Christi, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **NOURISH**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

NOURISH

"Prayer nourishes the friendship of the soul with God."

St Teresa of Ávila

What did Jesus call himself? To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion.

Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it is: a special friendship, being praised, praying, your faith, the love and care you receive, a hobby or sport, the Church and the sacraments. Who gives you these things?

"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God"

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls - to help us to keep growing in goodness and love. Who else should we remember to thank for nourishing us? Perhaps parents, carers, teachers, priests, grandparents or friends. Which people can we nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish them? Perhaps we can: encourage someone; give hugs to parents or carers; give something to a food bank; help and offer hope to others.

3

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread...

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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JESUS CHRIST
LIVING BREAD
FROM HEAVEN
LIVE FOREVER

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

P D E E V I L O L N S T
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P R T V F Z R V E C L G
O B I B R T S I R E C O
C N N F O R E T B I U S
G L T M O S F I V E T P E
M A B R R O C N N E T P H
S C F E E T P G J L R C H
H E A V E N T N P T O T
O S D E B J E S U S G F

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

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Jesus said, "The _____ I give is my _____, which I _____ to be the life of the _____."

Jesus wants to nourish and strengthen us.

He wants us to be closer to him and closer to each other - he is the Bread of Life.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...



Sunday 24th May



Sunday 31st May



Sunday 7th June