



Dear Parents and Carers,

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness.

So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. The young man went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness.

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness. St Gianna Beretta Molla also reminds us, "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, being thankful to God, accepting all that he sends."

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

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus is a teacher of truth who shows us the way to happiness."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 13th October 2024



A man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life - to live forever with God?" Jesus answered, "You know the ten commandments." And the man said, "Yes Master, and I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The young man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God." "In that case," they said, "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For people," Jesus said, "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."

Adapted from Mark 10:17-30
The 28th 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

In this Sunday's Gospel, the wealthy man was looking for true happiness. We all want to be happy, to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus reminds us that, if we want to be truly happy, wealth and possessions are not as important as following him and caring for those around us.



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!

A man of great wealth asked Jesus, "Master, what must I do so that I will live with God forever?" Jesus looked steadily at him and was filled with love for him. Then Jesus replied, "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me." The young man went away sad, because he was very rich.

How did the young man feel after walking away from Jesus?

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 Word...

"We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

HAPPINESS



Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy). True happiness comes from knowing and loving God. The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness - a gift to every person. Sharing God's love is the happiest way to live.

Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do; forgive, make a fresh start with someone who has upset you; give someone a kind message or a gift.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, may our family be rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others. Amen.

FINDING FIVE

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN



RICH
MAN



ASKED
JESUS



LOOKED
LOVED



TREASURE
HEAVEN



SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

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

likuvew umkawn Makstuerw Gukowd

A _____ asked Jesus, "_____ what must I do so that I will _____ with _____ forever?"



A happy heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. Jesus shows us how to be happy. We don't have to search around for happiness: it comes from within. When we listen to Jesus and follow his ways, we are filled with happiness!



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley