



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enthusiasm is one of life's most important ingredients. The word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' which means 'God-filled'. Life really is joyful when we are enthusiastic about the right things.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a

protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change.

Lent is a time to renew our own relationship with God and to be filled with a new enthusiasm for God and for life in all its fullness. Enjoy your week together and help spread God's love - with **ENTHUSIASM!**

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 7th March 2021



Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

Adapted from John 2:13-25
The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

You are warmly invited to learn more about
the Gospel through your local parish church

"Dear young people, may
you always live the faith
with enthusiasm." Pope Francis



Enthusiasm is an attractive quality. As we become more aware of God's presence in our daily lives, we become happier and more filled with energy and enthusiasm. God wants us to pray: to ask him to fill us with enthusiasm for the right, good and lasting things in life.



1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)



Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Inside the Temple, he saw people selling animals, and among them sat the money changers. So Jesus made a whip and chased them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well. Jesus knocked over the money tables, scattering the coins and said to the pigeon sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market."

What did Jesus do in the Temple? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

ENTHUSIASM

3 Loving God & Each Other

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" *St Catherine of Siena*

Jesus was a very enthusiastic person. He was passionate for people to worship God in a true and proper way. He saw that many had become so interested in money that they were losing respect for God and for God's ways. Ask your child what the word 'enthusiasm' means to them. Which person or group of people do they know who is enthusiastic and full of energy for doing the right thing? What is your child enthusiastic about? What gives them energy to do good?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus cleared out the temple.

These final weeks of Lent present us with an opportunity to stop and think if there are any unhelpful things that we need to clear out from our lives, so that we can grow in our enthusiasm for God. To help us to do this, perhaps we can: each night before we go to sleep, say sorry to God for anything that we may have done wrong (examine our conscience) and ask God to forgive us; avoid any temptation to be greedy, but rather give cheerfully to charity; be enthusiastic to say our family prayers together, asking for help to grow in goodness and in our love for God.

Dear Lord Jesus, please fill us with **enthusiasm** to love you, to serve you, and to help others to know you too. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

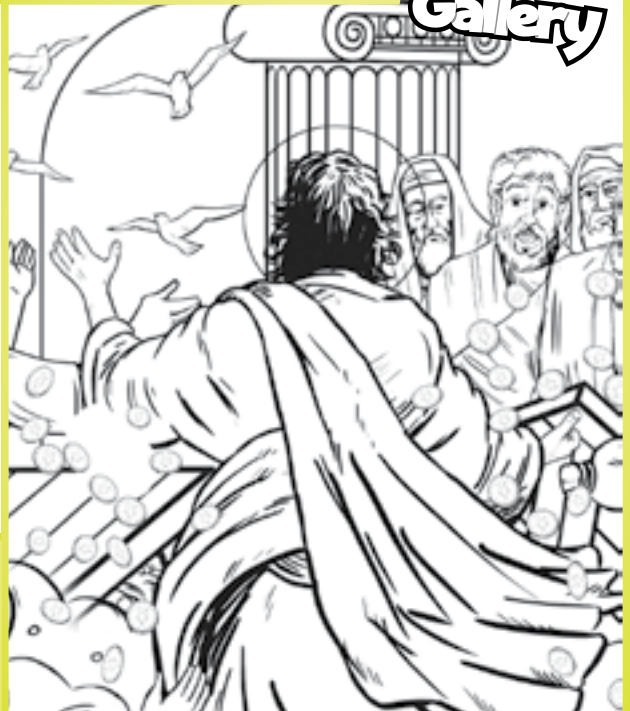
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- PASSOVER
- TEMPLE
- MARKET
- MONEY
- JESUS
- CLEARED
- FATHER'S
- HOUSE

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



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **o d l** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, " _____ all this out of _____ and stop _____ my Father's house into a _____."

DID YOU KNOW? This week we celebrate the Feast of St David. He was an enthusiastic teacher and preacher and is the Patron Saint of Wales. Find out more about St David in the children's section at: wednesdayword.org (see the 'SAINTS FACTFILES' tab).

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

