



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, the people who were most familiar with Jesus welcomed him at first. They readily acknowledged his wisdom and his miracles. But they were not prepared to put their faith in him, to go further and see that God was at work in him and so, in the end, they rejected Jesus.

Although it's good to admire Jesus, it's putting our faith in him which helps us to realize that he is the Son of God - the incredible presence of God on earth among us.

Wednesday 30th June 2021

If we recognise this and welcome Jesus into our lives, then he has a chance to work among us, to strengthen us and to guide us to do good in the world.

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

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 4th July 2021



Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." And he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Adapted from Mark 6:1-6

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

"Let us welcome the light of God into our hearts."

Pope Francis



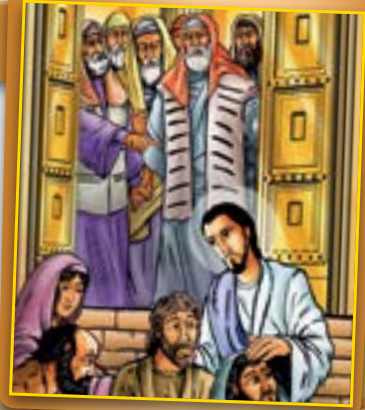
Jesus welcomes all people and he wants us to welcome him into our lives too. When we receive and welcome Jesus as the Son of God, we discover the happiness that comes from knowing that we belong to God's family - God is our Father and that we are God's children.



1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus went to his home town of Nazareth and into the synagogue, the place where the people of Israel worship God. Most of the people were amazed at everything Jesus said. Many had already heard about the miracles he'd performed. Then, because they knew him, they started saying, "But isn't he just the carpenter, the son of Mary?" And they refused to welcome and accept Jesus. But Jesus still cured a few sick people before leaving them to go and teach elsewhere.



What did the people refuse to do? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? What does the Sunday Gospel picture make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

WELCOME

3 Loving God & Each Other

"God's will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another."

Pope Francis

God lives in everyone. When we are welcoming to others, we are also welcoming to God. Ask your child what the word 'welcome' means to them. When did they last get a warm welcome and how did it make them feel? Who always makes them feel especially welcome? Tell your child about any places where you have been made to feel very welcome and looked after. What was it about the place, or the people there, that made it so special?

"Let us be challenged by Jesus' words and actions, and welcome his call."

Pope Francis

Jesus came to help people and tell them about God's love for everyone, but he did not always receive a warm welcome. As a family, talk about how you can welcome Jesus' call to become more like him. Perhaps we can: be kind and loving in your simple everyday words and actions; be peacemakers; tell others about the hope and goodness that God can bring into their lives; be fair and generous with everyone we meet; talk about how we can make visitors feel especially welcome.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to **welcome** all visitors to our home, to our school and to our community, as special people who are loved by you. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- HOME JESUS
- PEOPLE AMAZED
- THEN REJECTED
- TAUGHT ELSEWHERE

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 **u d z** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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The _____ started _____, "But isn't he just the _____, the son of _____?"

Jesus knows what it is like to be rejected.

In the Gospel, the people did not welcome him and he could not help them. But when we put our faith in Jesus and welcome him into our lives, he can help us.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

