



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. The other five were foolish – they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps – filled with oil – can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good works. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Because of their wisdom, the five sensible bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced all the joys of the wedding feast, that is, the joys of the kingdom of heaven.

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

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) – Parents' Pages – Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up. The wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids had begun to run out of oil, so they had to go off to try and buy some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in because the door was already locked. So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

*Adapted from Matthew 25:1-13*  
The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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

**"We can ask the Lord to grant  
us the gift of wisdom."**

*Pope Francis*





**Each one of us is responsible for how we will grow in wisdom.**

The Church exists to help us and provides us with the timeless wisdom of the Bible and the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church'. These are manuals for life which help us to grow in wisdom.



# 1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty, so they went off to try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked.

**Which bridesmaids joined in the wedding feast?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



# 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

**WISDOM**



# 3 Loving God & Each Other

"God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love." *St Maximilian Kolbe*

God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise? You may want to remind your child about a time when they made a wise choice - something which pleased you and made you proud of them. **Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a powerful way to show that we are growing in wisdom.**

"Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good."

*St James*

Each of you choose a way in which you will try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through: not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others; reading the gospels together; going to church and listening carefully; praying to God for the gift of wisdom; listening to parents, carers, teachers and other truthful or wise people.



+ Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to grow in **wisdom**, to be kind and loving, and so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven. Amen.

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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☒ **BRIDESMAIDS** ☒
- ☐ **OIL** ☐
- ☐ **FOOLISH** ☐
- ☐ **WISE** ☐
- ☐ **EMPTY** ☐
- ☐ **FULL** ☐
- ☐ **KINGDOM** ☐
- ☐ **HEAVEN** ☐

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

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

**ladmupos redfoilul senusiboled deuxtora**

The \_\_\_\_\_ girls took \_\_\_\_\_ oil so they would be able to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.

## Gospel Gallery



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

Wisdom is a real treasure, a virtue for us to nurture. True wisdom is discovering what God wants us to do, then trying our best to do it. It's about using knowledge well - having good judgement.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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