



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children - other family members and friends can also teach about what really matters in life. But who can really teach us about the best way to live?

Jesus stood out as a teacher because he taught with authority and power. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates this through the amazing healing of the man in the synagogue.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Jesus' teachings expose the things that weaken us - setting free all those who listen to him. The whole of Jesus' life was a continual teaching. His teaching is calm and wise, powerful but gentle, and enriches family life.

Just follow the simple steps overleaf to enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **TEACHER**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from  
Pope Francis

*"Jesus is a teacher of truth and life who shows us the way that leads to happiness."*

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. While he was teaching, Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. "Here is a teaching that is new," they said, "and with authority behind it." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Adapted from Mark 1:21-28  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel  
in church: all are very warmly invited.

Good News  
for Everyone

When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by God. Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws - to live a good life that is pleasing to God. Our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.

Connecting Home, School & Parish through Sunday's Gospel [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)





# Good News for Families



## Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them."



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Jesus and his followers went to a town called Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, Jesus went into the synagogue, and began to teach. Everyone was astonished because Jesus, unlike their other teachers, taught with real authority. While Jesus was teaching, he was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. They were amazed and said to each other, "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it." The news about Jesus quickly spread through the surrounding countryside.

**Why was Jesus unlike other teachers in the meeting place?** Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about?

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## Wednesday's Word is ...

## TEACHER



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## Loving & Growing

**"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love."** Pope Francis

Jesus' personal example, the witness of his life, gave power and authority to his teaching. Jesus practised what he taught and we should try to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'teacher' means to them. Ask them which people teach them about God - at home, at school or in the community. What have they recently been taught about God? Who is their favourite teacher, and why? Perhaps you can tell your child about a person you know who is, or was, a good teacher, and say why.

**"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life."** Pope Francis

Each of you choose someone who teaches you good and right things, and say a prayer for them. How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us at home, school or in the community? Perhaps we can: be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; do the good and right things they have taught us; let them know that we have said a prayer for them; make them a 'thank-you' card or simply thank them for being a good teacher.



Dear Lord Jesus, please bless all the people in my life who **teach** me. Thank you for being my friend and **teacher**. Please help me to learn and grow in your love. Amen.



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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☒ **SYNAGOGUE** ☒
- ☐ **SABBATH** ☐
- ☐ **PEOPLE** ☐
- ☐ **AMAZED** ☐
- ☐ **NEW** ☐
- ☐ **TEACHING** ☐
- ☐ **JESUS** ☐
- ☐ **AUTHORITY** ☐

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

Cross out the letters **r f o** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

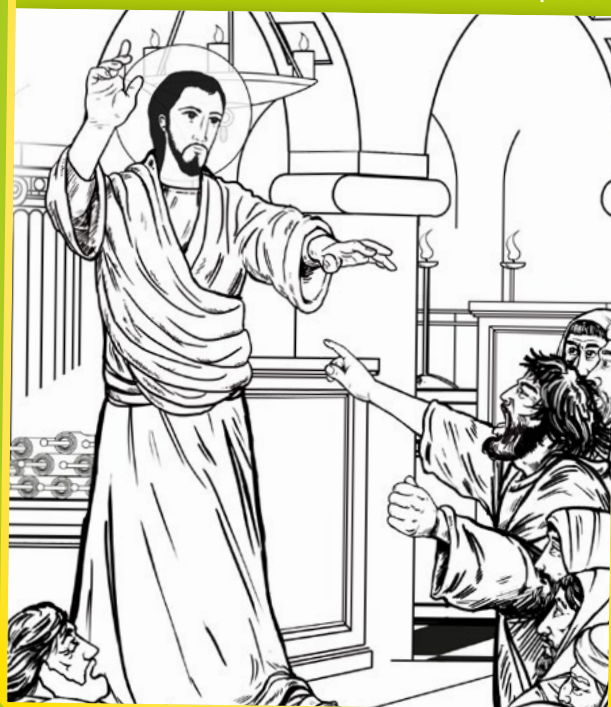
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When the sabbath \_\_\_\_\_ came, \_\_\_\_\_ went into the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ place and began to \_\_\_\_\_.

**The 28<sup>th</sup> January is the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas - the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools.**

Catholic schools exist to teach Jesus' message of God's love for everyone and St Thomas spent his adult life sharing this message too.

Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture



**This week I will try my best to...**



**Write** a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley



Print and complete the leaflet with your child & **SHARE A DIGITAL COPY** with your friends

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