THE Wednesday WORD™

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' enemies are plotting his downfall and try to trick him with a devious question about paying taxes.

If Jesus says they should pay, it means that he accepts the Roman Emperor, and not God, as his ultimate boss. If he says they shouldn't pay, he can be attacked for being disloyal to the Roman Empire. But then Jesus follows up with a real clincher: 'Pay to the Emperor what is due to the Emperor and pay to God what is due to God! '

This Gospel story also asks us: 'What is due to God in our own lives?' Surely 'our gratitude' would be a good answer to this question. Being grateful to God brings great joy. There are many blessings in life – let's not just take them for granted.

Being more grateful for our blessings can make a real difference to our lives! Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word which is **GRATITUDE**.



Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from the Saints

"In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks." St Teresa of Avila

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 18th October 2026



The Pharisees devised a plan to trap Jesus. They sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Tell us, then, what you think about this question. Is it right to pay tax to the Emperor Caesar or not?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why do you set this trap for me? Show me the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

Adapted from Matthew 22:15-21
The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

'A grateful heart is a happy heart.' This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him: our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind: it's good for our well-being and happiness too.

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Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

10 MINUTES

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. They asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and

What did Jesus tell the leaders to give to God?

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.



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content." *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

GRATITUDE

Regularly expressing gratitude (or saying 'thank you') to each other helps love to grow. Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'gratitude' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for.

It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with a hug, kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

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Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always grateful to you and to show our gratitude by loving those around us. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☑ LEADERS ☑
- ☐ TROUBLE ☐
- ☐ JESUS ☐
- ☐ SAID ☐
- ☐ GIVE ☐
- ☐ WHAT ☐
- ☐ BELONGS ☐
- ☐ GOD ☐

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

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

Caheksaur kutoh Guikveh Gokduh

_____ back to _____ what belongs

___ Caesar – and give to God what belongs to ____.

Everything good we have is a gift from God. We thank God not only by saying 'thank you' but by using the gifts He has given us to help others. Even a small act of kindness can be a way of saying 'thank you' to God.

FINDING THREE



Find and **draw 3** differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...

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

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