



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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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



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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021



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

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

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





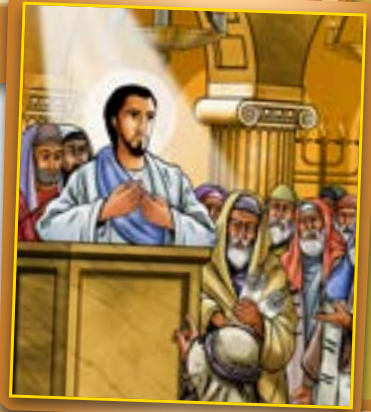
When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by God. Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws - to live a good life that is pleasing to God. Our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.



# 1 Our Special Time Together

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

Jesus and his followers went to a town called Capernaum. When the sabbath day came, Jesus went into the Jewish meeting place, the synagogue, and began to teach. Everyone was astonished because Jesus, unlike their other teachers, taught with real 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. 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?

# 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

## TEACHER



# 3 Loving God & Each Other

"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.

## Gospel Gallery

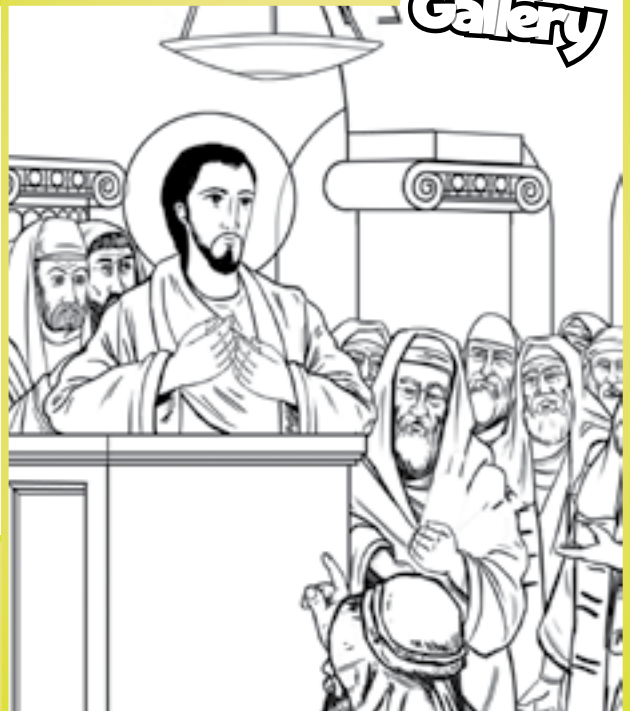
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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

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

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



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

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

This week we celebrate the Feast 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.



Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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