



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 2025

### John 3:13-17

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



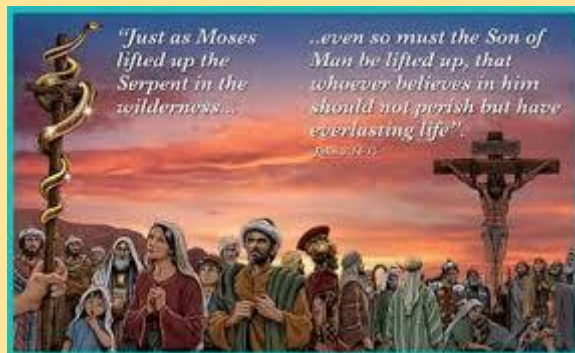
The Bible and Catholics  
All Scripture is inspired by God

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour."

*(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission, see details below\*)*



In today's reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he sent us Jesus, to help bring us closer to him. God sent us his Son, even though he knew that Jesus would be put to death on the cross. God knew that Jesus Christ would rise again three days later.

Through his death and resurrection Jesus gave us all new life. He is the saviour of the world. This is what we celebrate today.

How does it make you feel to know that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth, and to die for us?

Can you tell me two people who love you? And two people that you love? How should we treat someone that we love?

When we love someone we want what is best for them. We help them, we care for them, we try to make them happy. We support them when things are difficult and we celebrate with them when they are joyful. God does not just love you and me, God loves everybody. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from. No matter whether they are healthy or ill, no matter the colour of their skin. We are all God's children. We are part of one global family.

We were made by God to love God and one another. God intended for us all to live our lives the best way that we can, but sometimes we do not make the right choices. Together we can build a better world where God's love for all shines through and all people have what they need to flourish.

We can share God's love by working together with all the people in our global family to build a better world. A world where all people have enough food to eat, clean water to drink, and somewhere safe to live, learn and grow.

How will you share God's love with others over the coming week?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



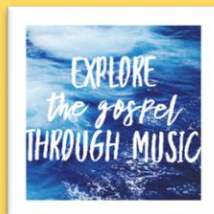
You may find the website [Christian Art](http://Christian Art) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

**Blessed are you who are poor**  
**Luke 6:20-26**

**The Thankful Poor,**  
**Painting by Henry Ossawa**  
**Tanner (1859-1937),**  
**Painted in 1894,**  
**Oil on canvas**  
**© Art Bridges Foundation**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: [Only A Shadow](#)  
[\(The Love I Have For You O Lord\)](#) by Carey Landry  
Contemporary: [You Are My Vision](#) by Rend Collective



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

**Ten:Ten**  
**Resources**

Username: st-michaels-tw/5

Password: thames-orange  
Parent Portal:

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at [www.youcat.org](http://www.youcat.org)

## *Catholic Social Teaching:*

*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to  
this week?*

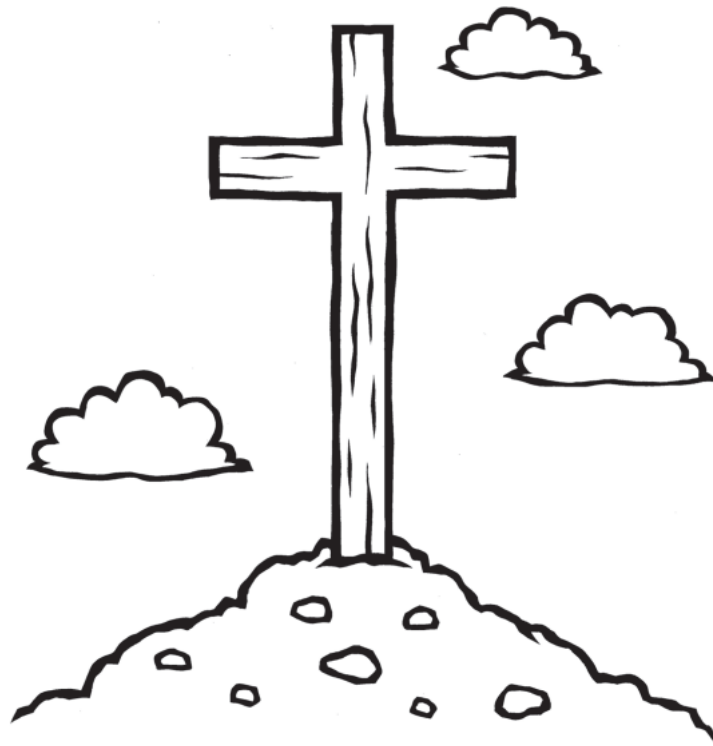
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CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



*This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):*

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Gospel: John 3:13-17

**CAFOD**  
A better world needs all of us





| Date          | Feast / Memorial                                                              | Type          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sept 3 (Wed)  | St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor                                          | Memorial      |
| Sept 8 (Mon)  | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary                                           | Feast         |
| Sept 9 (Tue)  | St. Peter Claver, Priest                                                      | Memorial      |
| Sept 12 (Fri) | Most Holy Name of Mary                                                        | Optional Mem. |
| Sept 13 (Sat) | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor                                          | Memorial      |
| Sept 14 (Sun) | Exaltation of the Holy Cross                                                  | Feast         |
| Sept 15 (Mon) | Our Lady of Sorrows                                                           | Memorial      |
| Sept 16 (Tue) | Sts. Cornelius (Pope) & Cyprian (Bishop)                                      | Memorial      |
| Sept 17 (Wed) | St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor                                        | Memorial      |
| Sept 20 (Sat) | Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs | Memorial      |
| Sept 21 (Sun) | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist                                             | Feast         |
| Sept 23 (Tue) | St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest                                   | Memorial      |
| Sept 26 (Fri) | Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs                                               | Optional Mem. |
| Sept 27 (Sat) | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest                                                   | Memorial      |
| Sept 28 (Sun) | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                  | Sunday Mass   |
| Sept 29 (Mon) | Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels                                   | Feast         |
| Sept 30 (Tue) | St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor                                                   | Memorial      |