



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 2025

Luke 23:35-43

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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 people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at Jesus: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!" The soldiers also mocked him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!"



Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!"

Jesus said to him, "I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me."

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The Bible and Catholics

All Scripture is inspired by God

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus is put to death on a cross and how he is laughed at and made fun of by the people watching.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for Jesus in front of all those people, to be in pain and to be laughed at? How do you think Jesus felt?

The label above Jesus' cross said he was the king of the Jews. What do you think of when we talk about a king? What do kings wear and where do they live?

The crowds can't understand why Jesus, the Son of God, can't save himself. They are very confused. To them a king is someone who has power, money, land and who dresses in expensive clothes – not someone who ends up on a cross with a crown of thorns on his head.

Kings are powerful, but on the cross Jesus seems helpless. He is going to die and the people can't understand it.

We know now that this was all a part of God's plan. Jesus had to die so that we are saved.

Jesus is a very different kind of king to one who lives in a palace. He is the king of love. He gives us all a chance of new life with him in heaven.

There were two thieves, one on either side of Jesus, on crosses as well. Can you remember what the first thief said to Jesus?

The first thief wanted Jesus to prove that he was the Son of God by coming off the cross. He insulted him. But the second thief tells the first off for being so rude to Jesus. He knows Jesus has done nothing wrong. The second thief asks only to be remembered by Jesus.

Jesus can see that the second thief is sorry for what he has done. Jesus promises to remember the second thief and that that he will be welcomed into Jesus' kingdom. What does this show us about Jesus?

Even when things are bad, when we are frightened, or hurting, upset or lonely, Jesus is right there with us. He knows how it feels to be laughed at, to be sad, to be in pain. And just like he did with the second thief on the cross, he is always willing to love us and to welcome us.

Jesus, the king of love, showed his love for us and for all people by dying on the cross for us. How do you think we can show our love for others as Jesus asks us to?

We can be kind, welcoming, generous. We can make sure that when we have power, we use it as Jesus did – for the good of all people – not just to make ourselves rich and important. We can make sure we include others in our friendships and in our games. We can join together with others to raise money or to change a situation that we think is unfair.

This week, when things are difficult, remember that Jesus is always with you. And when you see that things are difficult for others, perhaps you can try to do all that you can to be loving towards them and to help them.

What will you do this week to share love?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



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

Speaking of the Temple Luke 21:5-19

**The Wailing Wall, Jerusalem,
Painting by Gustav Bauernfeind
(1848–1904),
Painted in 1887,
Oil on canvas
© Christie's, London, 20 March
1992, lot 22**



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



Traditional: [Be Still and](#)

[Know](#) by John Bell

Contemporary: [You Will Not Fail Us](#) by Brenton Brown

Contemporary: [Know \(Be Still\)](#) by Jeremy Riddle



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Ten:Ten
Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

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

Catholic Social Teaching:

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

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE
CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



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

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	Simon & Jude, Apostles	Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time; All Hallows' Eve	ALL SAINTS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ALL SOULS	Martin de Porres	Charles Borromeo	Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Leo the Great	Martin of Tours; Veterans Day (USA)	Josaphat	Frances Xavier Cabrini	Friday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	Albert the Great
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Elizabeth of Hungary	Basilicas of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA)	Wednesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	Thursday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	Presentation of Mary	Cecilia
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	Catherine of Alexandria	Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Thursday of the Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time; Opt. Mem. of Thanksgiving Day (USA)	Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time	Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Monday of the First Week of Advent	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	Francis Xavier	John Damascene	Friday of the First Week of Advent	Nicholas