



Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 2025

Matthew 24:37-44

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.



John the Baptist heard in prison about the things that Christ was doing and he sent some of his disciples to him. "Tell us," they asked Jesus, "are you the one John said was going to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life, and the Good News is preached to the poor. How happy are those who have no doubts about me!"

While John's disciples were leaving, Jesus spoke about him to the crowds: "When you went out to John in the desert, what did you expect to see? A blade of grass bending in the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in fancy clothes? People who dress like that live in palaces! Tell me, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed, but you saw much more than a prophet. For John is the one of whom the scripture says:

'God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.' I assure you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone who has ever lived. But the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John."



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John the Baptist, who we heard about last week, wants to make sure that Jesus is really the special person that he has been waiting for, so he sends some friends to check.

Jesus answers them by telling them that he is the one who has come to heal those who are sick and bring good news to people who are poor. This answer tells John that Jesus really is the person for whom he has been waiting.

We are all part of one family, God's family, and God asks us to love each other and care for each other. But what does it mean to bring good news to people who are poor? Do you have any ideas?

What can we do to help people, either our friends, family or people in other countries whom we have never met? How can we help people who are sick or who have hurt themselves? People who are hungry or thirsty? People who are poor?

CAFOD works alongside people who are poor all around the world. When there is an emergency, like an earthquake or a flood, this can mean giving people food or shelter, but more often it means helping them

to help themselves. For example, giving people seeds, tools and training means that they can grow enough food for their families and enough to share with others. This is very good news!

At the beginning of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to be signs of hope to one another, especially to people in any kind of need.

Throughout the Jubilee Year so many people have been doing what they can to answer this call. They have been praying, walking, fundraising and campaigning to try to build a better world. This is also really good news!

The Jubilee Year comes to an end soon, but the work of putting our faith into action and working together with all our sisters and brothers to create a fairer and more loving world will continue. We can all play our part in changing the world for the better.

How will you try to be like Jesus, helping others, being a sign of hope, and sharing the good news that God loves us all in the next week?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



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

**Come to me, all who labour, and
I will give you rest
Matthew 11:28-30**

**Go on Adam, Breathe,
Linocut made by Jack
Baumbartner,
Executed in 2017,
Linocut, ink and blue paint on
paper**



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



Traditional: [Come Thou Fount arrangement](#) by Shane and Shane
Contemporary: [In Christ Alone](#) by Keith and Kristyn Getty



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

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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Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



"The blind can see, the lame can walk... and the Good News is preached to the poor."

What is the good news that you can see in this picture?

Fill in the blanks with the following list of words:

Helping good news better kind

The children are _____ the boy who has fallen over.

They are being _____ and helping him to feel _____

This is one way we can be _____ to others.

What good news would you like to share with your global family?

Draw or write the good news you would like to share here:



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Feast Days

1 Dec	1st Sunday of Advent
8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)
21 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent
25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day, Solemnity)
26 Dec	St Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)
27 Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)
28 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Feast)
29 Dec	St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr (Feast)
31 Dec	St Sylvester I, Pope (Memorial)