



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 2026

John 1:29-34

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 next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.' I did not know who he would be, but I came baptising with water in order to make him known to the people of Israel."

And John gave his testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptise with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God."



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

John tells us that he saw the Holy Spirit come down like a dove to rest on Jesus. Because of this, John believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

A dove is one way that the Holy Spirit shows itself, but most of the time the Spirit is invisible. We cannot see it.

One way to think about the Holy Spirit is like the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the branches of a tree moving when the wind blows. Or you can see a windmill spinning round (*you could demonstrate this if you have a paper windmill*). Can you think of any other examples of when you can see the wind?

The wind can be very strong. The wind can also be very helpful. (*You could show a picture of a sailing boat or a wind turbine.*)

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit helps us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and the Spirit stays with us all through our lives, helping us to do things that are difficult.

Jesus asks us to love other people, to care for people who are sick and to be signs of hope in our world, especially to people who are poor. This is not always easy, especially when people are in different countries to us. But when we do these things, other people can see the Holy Spirit working through us, just as we can see the wind in the trees.

Brian lives and works in Kenya, training young people in farming so that they can earn a living and look after the environment. He says:

"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love. With God's strength and guidance, you can achieve great things, beyond your wildest dreams."

The Holy Spirit can help us to take care of the world that God has given us. Can you think of ways we can do that?

The Holy Spirit can help us to be kind, generous, brave, and to work together with others to make the world a better place for everyone. Can you think of ways that we can do this?

What could you do this week so that other people can see the Holy Spirit working through you?

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.

Very early morning, he went out to a desolate place and prayed
Mark 1:29-39

Christ in the Desert,
Painted by Ivan Kramskoi (1837-1887),
Oil on canvas,



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



Traditional: All Are Welcome
by Marty Haugen
Contemporary: [This I Believe \(The Creed\)](#) by
Hillsong Worship



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

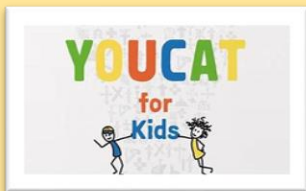
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www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



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](http://www.cafod.org):

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Gospel: John 1:29-34





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January 2026 - Liturgical Calendar			
Day	Date	Celebration	Rank
Thursday	1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of the Nativity)	solemnity
Friday	2	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	memorial
Saturday	3	Weekday of Christmas or Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Sunday	4	2nd Sunday after Christmas	
Monday	5	Weekday of Christmas	
Tuesday	6	The Epiphany of the Lord	solemnity
Wednesday	7	Weekday after Epiphany or St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	
Thursday	8	Weekday after Epiphany	
Friday	9	Weekday after Epiphany	
Saturday	10	Weekday after Epiphany	
Sunday	11	The Baptism of the Lord	feast (Wk 1)
Monday	12	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E)	
Tuesday	13	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Hilary, Bishop, Doct or of the Church	
Wednesday	14	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	15	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	16	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	17	St Anthony, abbot	memorial
Sunday	18	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wk II
Monday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Wulstan, Bishop (E)	
Tuesday	20	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr	
Wednesday	21	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	memorial
Thursday	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	
Friday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	memorial
Sunday	25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wk III
Monday	26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	memorial
Tuesday	27	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin	
Wednesday	28	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doct or of the Church	memorial
Thursday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	30	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	31	St John Bosco, Priest	memorial
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