



Gospel Newsletter



St. Michael Catholic Primary School and Nursery
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 2026

Matthew 4:12-17

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

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he went away to Galilee. He did not stay in Nazareth, but went to live in Capernaum, a town by Lake Galilee, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was done to make what the prophet Isaiah had said come true:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
on the road to the sea; on the other side of the Jordan,
Galilee, land of the Gentiles!

The people who live in darkness
will see a great light.
On those who live in the dark
land of death
the light will shine.”

From that time Jesus began to preach
his message: “Turn away from your
sins, because the Kingdom of heaven is
near.”

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What do you remember from today's reading?

It talks about people who lived in darkness seeing a great light. Who do you think the people living in darkness were? Where do you think the light came from?

One way of thinking about this is that when we are sad or lonely, everything feels dark and gloomy. This is the dark. But then when someone does something nice for us, like including us in their game, or making us laugh, everything seems brighter again. This is the light. This is the light that Jesus brings into the world. It is the light of God's love for each one of us.

Can you think of a time when someone did something that helped to light up your world and make you smile? What did they do?

We can try to share this light by loving our neighbours, near and far. By helping to make the world a fairer place so that every person has what they need to live a healthy and happy life. Because we know that at the moment some people in our world do not have enough food to eat, safe houses to live in or enough water to drink. And this is not what God wants for his children.

We all live in one world, with the same sun shining down on us. We are all God's children and belong to one global family. Jesus asks us to care for one another. By doing this we can help the light of Jesus to shine in the world.

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.

No one puts new wine into old wineskins
Mark 2:18-22

Silenus riding a wineskin, Fountain figure, Replica after the Statue of Silenos riding a wineskin from the Villa dei Papiri, Herculaneum,



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



Traditional: The Light of Christ by Donald Fishel
Contemporary: [More of You](#) by Hillsong Young and Free



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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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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