



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 2026

John 14:1-12

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week's gospel with your child at home.

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"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?"

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need."

Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

If not, believe because of the things I do. I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do – yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father."

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



The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

In today's reading Jesus is telling the disciples that he is the Son of God. But the disciples find it difficult to understand.

Right at the beginning of today's gospel, Jesus tells the disciples not to be worried and to believe in him. He is asking them to trust him. What does it mean to trust someone?

Trusting someone means believing that they are always there for us, that they are always willing to help us, that they will comfort us when we are upset or frightened. When it comes to trusting someone, what they do is often more important than what they say.

Jesus also tells the disciples in this reading that if they find it hard to believe in his words, to believe in the things that he does. Jesus did not only teach his disciples with words. Throughout his life he showed them (and us) how to love one another, to serve others and to care for and support people who were poor, sick or sad. He showed us how to make sure that we treated all people well, even those who are usually ignored, or who are not well-liked.

We all need people in our lives that we trust. Who do you trust?

Do other people trust you? How can we help other people to trust in us?

People are more likely to trust us if we are kind, if we listen to what they are saying, if we are willing to help and if we tell the truth.

We can also trust in God. We know that God is always there for us and wants what's best for us. God is always ready to listen.

How can we share our worries with God? How can we show our trust in God?

We can talk to God through prayer. When we pray we can share all our worries and fears, and also all our joys and hopes, with God.

And we can show our trust in God by listening to what Jesus asks of us and trying to follow him. By loving one another and by doing what is right, we are doing what God wants us to do.
This week how will you show your trust in God?
This week what will you do for the people who trust in you?

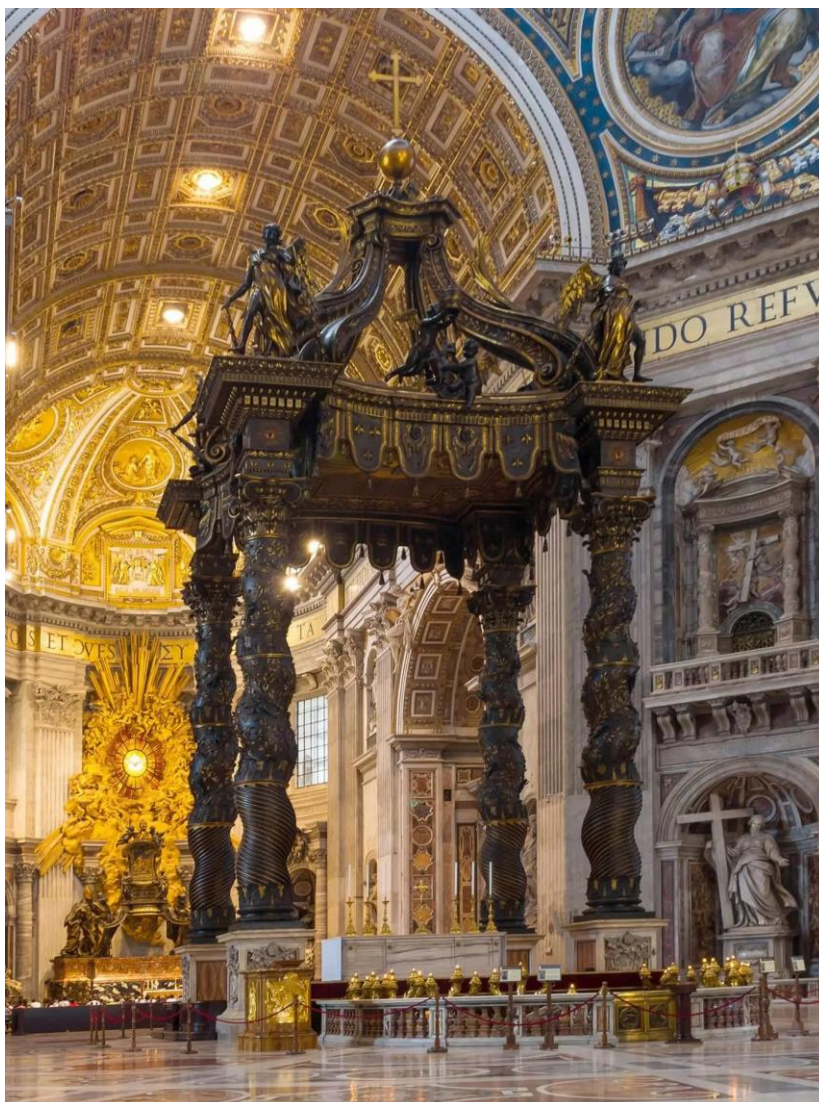
Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



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

**Jesus was walking in the Temple,
in the colonnade of Solomon
John 10:22-30**

**St. Peter's Baldacchino,
Designed by Gian Lorenzo
Bernini (1598-1680),
Designed, cast and installed
between 1623–1634,
Cast bronze
© St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City**



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



Summer 2026 Music for
Worship



You can access a number of lyric videos via the Content Library.

- Give Us Hope, O Lord by Christ the Music
- Sing of Hope by Christ the Music
- Sing a New Song to the Lord by Ten Ten Resources

You can access our Summer 2026 – Ten Ten Music for Worship playlist on Spotify by
scanning the QR code or by clicking below.

Spotify Playlist

Traditional: [‘The Lord is My Shepherd’](#) (Crimmond
tune)

Contemporary: [‘Surely Goodness, Surely
Mercy’](#) by Shane and Shane



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Portal
at home with the details below.
Username: [st-michaels-tw15](#)
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Parent Portal:

**Ten:Ten
Resources**

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



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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: John 14:1-12

Jesus tells the disciples not to worry and to believe in him. We can show our faith through our actions.

How will you show your faith in what you do and how you treat other people this week?

We trust in God and so we pray together:

Thank you God, for always being with us

Ready to listen when we are worried,

Understanding and forgiving when we go wrong,

Showing us how to love one another.

Together may we play our part in building a better world.

Amen.

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Key April Liturgical Dates (2026)

- **April 1 (Wednesday):** Wednesday of Holy Week
- **April 2 (Thursday):** Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
- **April 3 (Friday):** Good Friday (Commemoration of the Lord's Passion)
- **April 4 (Saturday):** Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
- **April 5 (Sunday):** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
- **April 6–11:** Monday through Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- **April 12 (Sunday):** Second Sunday of Easter (or **Sunday of Divine Mercy**)
- **April 19 (Sunday):** Third Sunday of Easter
- **April 25 (Saturday):** Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
- **April 26 (Sunday):** Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
- **April 29 (Wednesday):** Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Major Feast Days in April

- **St. Martin I (April 13):** Pope and Martyr
- **St. Bernadette (April 16):** Known for the apparitions at Lourdes
- **St. Anselm (April 21):** Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **St. George (April 23):** Martyr and Patron of England
- **St. Adalbert (April 23):** Bishop and Martyr
- **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24):** Priest and Martyr
- **St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort (April 28):** Priests
- **St. Pius V (April 30):** Pope and Religious