



Gospel Newsletter



St. Michael Catholic Primary School and Nursery
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 2026

John 17:1-11

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

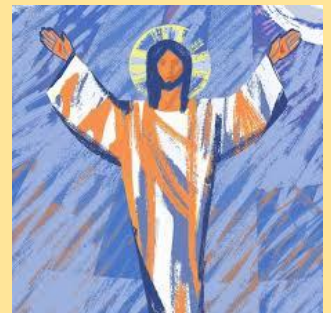


After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. For you gave him authority over all humanity, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. And eternal life means knowing you, the only true God, and knowing Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.

"I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one."

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



In today's reading Jesus is praying for his friends during his Last Supper with them, on the night before he died.

Jesus prayed to his Father, that his friends "may be one just as you and I are one." What do you think he meant?

Jesus wanted his disciples to love one another, to be united with each other, to be together – just as closely as Jesus and God the Father are together.

Jesus prayed for us too. He wants us to be united, together, loving one another.

What sort of things might we do if we are united?

We might spend time together, be at peace with each other, listening to each other and helping each other. We would want what is best for the other person – loving one another as much as we love ourselves.

What do you love to have or do? Would you be able to help someone else enjoy the same? Perhaps you have a favourite book and you could read it to your little brother or sister. Perhaps you enjoy making music and you could invite a friend or family member to join you in singing or playing an instrument.

Do you have any other ideas? How else could we come together with others?

In a special letter called *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis asked us all to join together to care for our earth and each other. *Watch and share our animation to find out more about Laudato Si':* <https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/laudato-si-for-children>

Earlier this year, hundreds of people across England and Wales joined together to take part in the Big Lent Walk, to raise money for life-saving water for people around the world.

What could you do in this special time after Easter to become more united – or 'at one' – with other people?

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
John 16:12-15

Our Lady of Fatima,
Azulejo, polychrome painted tin-
glazed ceramic tiles,
Portugal, second half 20th
century
© Alamy



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



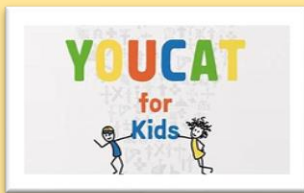
Traditional: '[I am the Bread of Life](#)' by Suzanne Toolan
Contemporary: '[The Way, the Truth, the Life](#)' by Emmaus
Contemporary: '[The Way](#)' by Pat Barrett
Contemporary: '[Communion](#)' by Maverick City Music



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent 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



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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Jesus prayed for his disciples and for all of us.

In the thought bubble in the picture, add the names of some of the people Jesus could be praying for. You can add yourself, friends, family and our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Jesus prayed for us all to be one, just as Jesus and God the Father are one.

Draw a picture below to show what the world would be like if we all lived in peace and unity.





Key May 2026 Feast Days & Memorials

- **May 1:** St. Joseph the Worker
- **May 2:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **May 3:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- **May 10:** St. Damien de Veuster and St. John of Avila
- **May 12:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- **May 13:** Our Lady of Fatima
- **May 14:** St. Matthias, Apostle; *Note: The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on May 14 in some calendars.*
- **May 15:** St. Isidore the Farmer
- **May 20:** St. Bernardine of Siena
- **May 21:** St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- **May 22:** St. Rita of Cascia
- **May 25:** St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, and St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
- **May 26:** St. Philip Neri
- **May 27:** St. Augustine of Canterbury
- **May 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary