



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2024

### Mark 1:29-39

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

Jesus and his disciples, including James and John, left the synagogue and went straight to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and as soon as Jesus arrived, he was told about her. He went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them. After the sun had set and evening had come, people brought to Jesus all the sick and those who had demons. All the people of the town gathered in front of the house. Jesus healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases and drove out many demons. He would not let the demons say anything, because they knew who he was.

Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of the town to a lonely place, where he prayed. But Simon and his companions went out searching for him, and when they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

But Jesus answered, "We must go on to the other villages round here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came."

So he travelled all over Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and driving out demons.

*(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)*



Simon's mother-in-law is sick. She has a fever and is in bed. Jesus arrives at the house, takes her by the hand and helps her out of bed. Immediately she feels better.

Later that day lots of people who were ill came to the place where Jesus was. Some of them may have travelled a long way. Jesus helped them all, curing them and making them feel better.

What do you think this story tells us about Jesus?

Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them. He was able to make people well again because he is God's son. When people saw what he could do, they believed in him.

When was the last time that you were sick? How did you feel? Who helped you and made you feel better? What did they do to make you feel better?

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need.

We can also show people here who are ill that we care about them by looking after them, taking them some food or drink, by sending them a card or letter in the post, by phoning them or perhaps by going to the shops for them if they can't get out.

What will you do to show someone who is sick that you care this week?

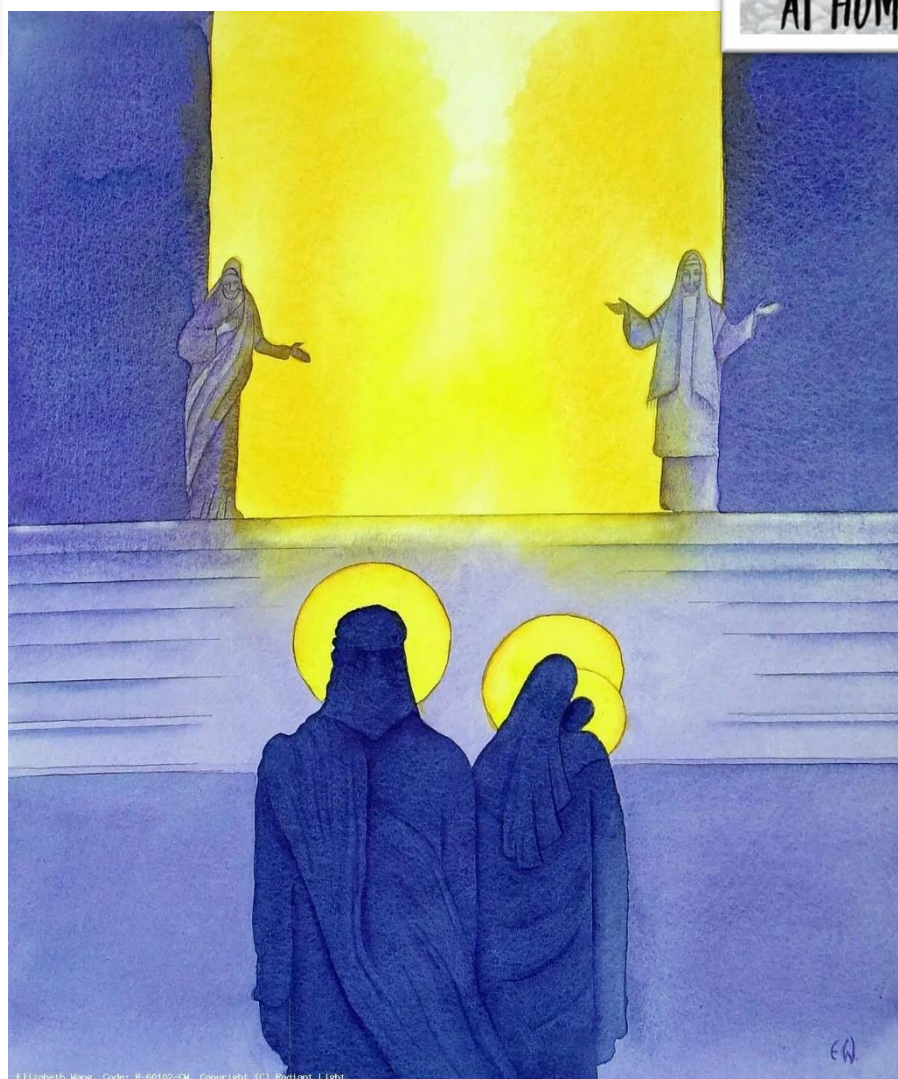
Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



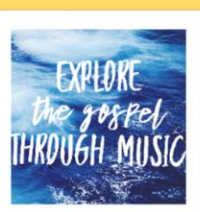
You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

This week's Sunday Gospel art is:  
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**Luke 2:22-32**

**The Presentation in the Temple,**  
Painted by Elizabeth Wang  
(1942-2016),  
Painted in 2010,  
Watercolour on paper  
© Code R-60102-CW, Elizabeth Wang / Radiant Light



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!  
Traditional: 'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven' by John Goss  
Contemporary: '[Healing is in Your Hand](#)' by Christy Nockels



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

Username: st-michaels-tw15  
Password: thames-orange  
Parent Portal: [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)

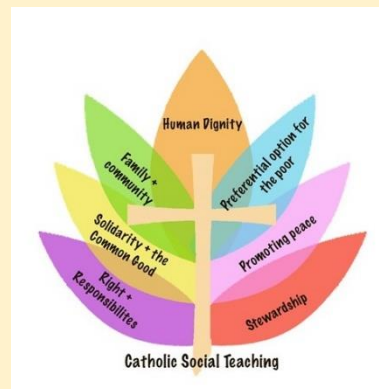
**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



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

## *Catholic Social Teaching:*

*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?*



## *This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:*

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| LITURGICAL YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ss Timothy and Titus (26<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Racial Justice Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John Bosco (31<sup>st</sup>)</li> </ul> <b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Brigid (1st)</li> <li>• Presentation of Our Lord (2nd)</li> <li>• St Blaise (3rd)</li> <li>• St Agatha (5th)</li> <li>• Paul Miki and Companions (6th)</li> <li>• St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (8th)</li> </ul> | <b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Education (24th)</li> <li>• World Leprosy Day/Hansen's Disease (26th)</li> <li>• International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust and Genocide (27th)</li> <li>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th Jan)</li> </ul> <b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Wetlands Day (2nd)</li> <li>• World Cancer Day (4th)</li> <li>• World Pulses Day (10th)</li> </ul> |