



Third Sunday of Lent

March 2024

John 2:13-25

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

It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire." The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

"Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!"

But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in him as they saw the miracles he performed. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all. There was no need for anyone to tell him about them, because he himself knew what was in their hearts.



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

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for a feast called Passover and went to the Temple. There he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, which the people used as offerings to God. There were also many money-changers, so that pilgrims from different lands could change their money and buy the offerings.

Why do you think that seeing all this made Jesus angry?

The Temple was where people went to say prayers, but some people were buying and selling things instead. They were trying to make money from people's faith in God. They stopped the Temple being a quiet place where people could talk to God, and turned it into a market.

Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple. How do you think all the people felt when they saw this?

Jesus was standing up for what he believed in. He saw something that he did not think was fair or right and so he acted to change the situation.

Can you think of some things that you have seen that are unfair or which are not right?

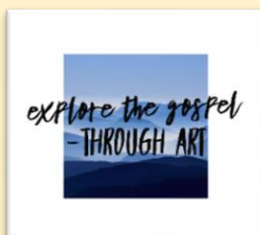
For example, have you seen people being unkind to others or not treating other people as they should? What did you do about it?

Do you think it is fair that some people work very hard but do not earn enough money for the things that they need? Or that some people do not have enough food to eat?

What do you do when you see something that you know is wrong or unfair? What can you do to change the things in the world that are unfair?

CAFOD is an organisation that works to try and make the world a fairer place for everyone, especially people who are poor around the world.

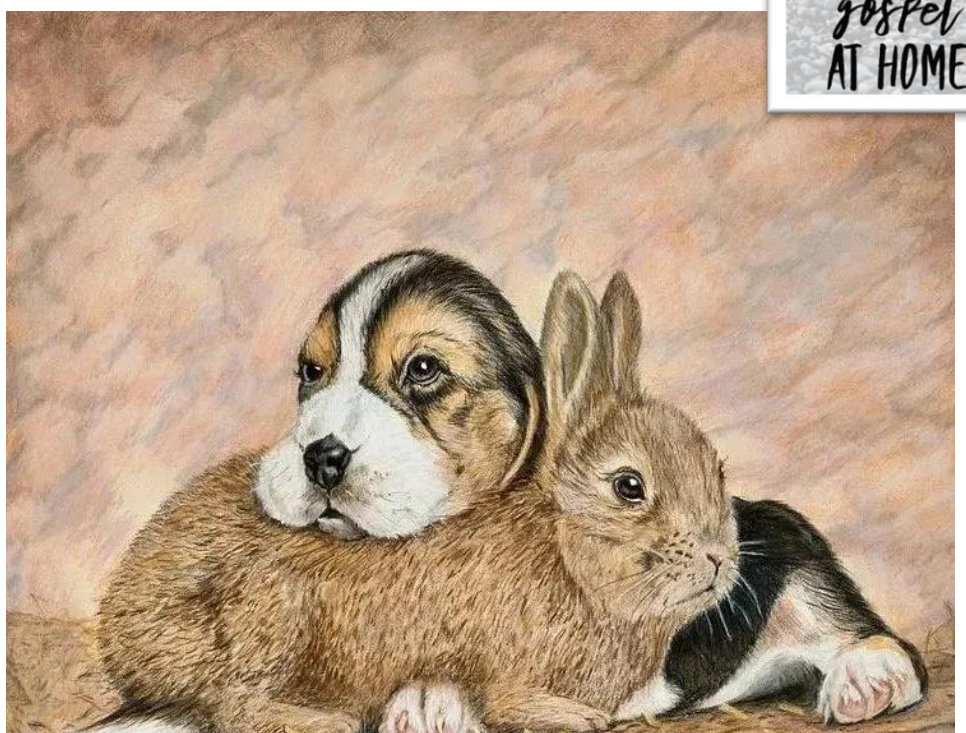
Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



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

**Grant pardon, and you will be
pardoned
Luke 6:36-38**

**Love Your Enemy,
Drawing by Randell
Summerford,
Drawn in 2017,
Pencils and crayons on paper
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We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'A New Commandment' by Roy Crabtree
Traditional: 'Amazing Grace' by John Newton
Contemporary: '[Second Chance](#)' by Rend Collective



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?



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
March - St David (1st) - St Casimir (4th) - Ss Perpetua and Felicity (7th) - St John of God (8th) - St Frances of Rome (9th) - St Patrick (17th) - St Cyril of Jerusalem (18th) - St Joseph (19th) - Annunciation (25th)	March - Zero Discrimination Day (1st) - World Wildlife Day (2nd) - International Women's Day (8th) - Mother's Day (10th) - International Day of Happiness; French Language Day (20th) - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21st) - World Poetry Day (21st) - Remembrance of Victims of Slavery Day (23rd)	- Pesach (Jewish Passover Mar/Apr) - Holla Mohalla (Sikh Olympics – 17th) - Holi (Hindu Festival of Colours) - Laylat al-Mi'raj (Islamic Mar/Apr)