



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2024

John 3:14-21

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

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.

Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son.

This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up.

But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

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



In today's gospel reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he gave us Jesus to show us how to live and to help bring us closer to God.

How does it make you feel to know that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth, and to die for us?

Can you think of two people who love you? And two people that you love back? What does it mean to love someone? How should we treat someone that we love?

God does not just love you or me, God loves everybody. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from, no matter whether they are healthy or ill, no matter the colour of their skin. We are all God's children. We are part of one global family.

God asks us to share this love and to also care for others no matter who they are or where in the world they live. God calls us to care for our global family and to share generously with them all that we have been given. When we do this we are sharing God's love.

Throughout Lent, lots of people are raising money for a charity called CAFOD, <https://cafod.org.uk/>, by walking a very long way over the 40 days of Lent. This money will help to fight global poverty, supporting people who are poor around the world to live the life they want to. We are asking the children to walk as much as they can during Lent by taking part in a sponsored walk. This might include walking a certain number of steps each day, walking to and from school, walking around Bedfont Lakes or just walking for fun. Money raised can be paid via Scopay by **Thursday 28th March**. There will be an option to contribute £1 or you can override this to pay the amount raised. We will let you know the total raised for CAFOD after Easter.



How do you think those who are taking part in the Big Lent Walk might be sharing God's love with others?

How do you think you could share God's love with others over the coming week?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.

explore the gospel
THROUGH ART

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

**You must forgive not seven, but
seventy-seven times
Matthew 18:21-35**

**Forgive Thy Brother,
Painting by Scott Erickson,
Oil on canvas,
2017**

© Scott Erickson artist



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

Traditional: 'O Lord Hear My Prayer' by Jacques Berthier
Contemporary: ['Draw Me To Your Presence O Lord'](#) by Emmaus



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)