



Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2025

Luke 6:39-45

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.



And Jesus told them this parable: "One blind man cannot lead another one; if he does, both will fall into a ditch. No pupil is greater than his teacher; but every pupil, when he has completed his training, will be like his teacher.

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Please, brother, let me take that speck out of your eye,' yet cannot even see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

"A healthy tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a poor tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by the fruit it bears; you do not pick figs from thorn



bushes or gather grapes from bramble bushes. A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

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

Jesus is talking to the disciples – he talks about seeing a tiny speck of dust in someone else's eye, but not seeing the great wooden log in our own. Can anyone guess what Jesus means here?

Jesus is saying it is much easier to notice the mistakes that others make, than it is to realise when we have made a mistake or done something wrong ourselves.

What does Jesus tell the disciples they must do?

He says they must take the log out of their own eye before they can take the speck out of someone else's. He is saying we must change the way we act before we can expect anyone else to change.

If we cannot be good and do what is right, how can we ask other people to do the same?

Think quietly for a moment about something you might have done wrong. How could you change that? Could you share more? Be kinder or more helpful to others? Could you stop teasing a brother, sister or friend? Could you keep your room tidy? Or switch off lights when they're not needed?

It's not always easy to change the way we act but perhaps we can all try this week.

Who do you think can help us to make this change?

God can help us. If we let him, God will fill our hearts with goodness and love, hope, courage and generosity.

Filled with these things we will not be able to stop ourselves from wanting to share them with others.

Jesus says in today's reading that good people have a store of goodness in their heart. That the words someone says come from what is in their heart.

So if we let God fill our hearts with goodness and love, we will be able to speak words that share that goodness and love with others.

This year is a special Jubilee Year and we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope". There are all kinds of problems in our world, like poverty and hunger and climate change, but through our actions and the way we speak to others we can share hope as we all work together for a better world.

How will you use the store of goodness in your heart? How will you speak out and make changes to be the best person you can be and make the world a better place for others?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](https://www.christianart.org/) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Jesus was teaching his disciples
Mark 9:30-37**

**The Insertion of a Tube,
Painting by Georges Chicotot
(1865-1921),
Painted in 1899**



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



Traditional: '[Oh The Word Of My Lord](#)' by Damian Lundy

Contemporary: '[I Speak Jesus](#)' by Charity Gayle



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?

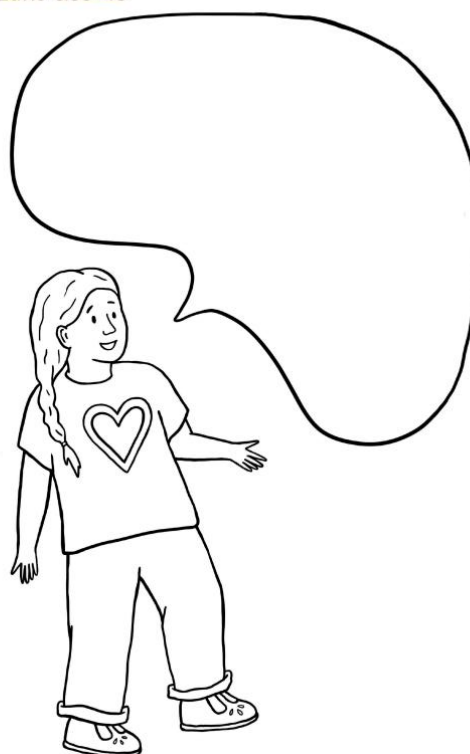
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CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



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





St. Michael Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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P o p e F r a n c i s

Heavenly Father,
we lift up Pope Francis to you in prayer.
Grant him strength, wisdom, and peace in
this time of suffering. May he feel the
love and support of the Church
worldwide.
Bless those who care for him,
that they may be instruments of your
healing grace.
We entrust him to your loving care,
knowing that your will is always good.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



We hold Pope Francis in our school prayers as he remains seriously ill in hospital. As the leader of the Catholic Church, he has dedicated his life to spreading the message of love, compassion, and unity. In this time of difficulty, we ask school communities to come together in prayer for him.

Ways to hold Pope Francis in prayer as a school

- Offer a special intention for Pope Francis during daily prayers or school Masses.
- Encourage pupils to write personal prayers for him and place them in a designated prayer space.
- Pray the Rosary as a community, asking for God's guidance and strength for him.
- Reflect on his teachings and take inspiration from his message of love and service.

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Lent begins on the 5th March, marking a season of reflection, prayer, and preparation for Easter. It is a time for Catholics to renew their faith through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, drawing closer to Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent mirror Jesus' time of fasting in the desert, encouraging the faithful to embrace self-discipline and spiritual growth.

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The day before Lent, Shrove Tuesday, (popularly known as Pancake Day) is a time of preparation and repentance. The name 'Shrove' comes from the old English word shrive, meaning to confess sins and receive absolution. Many celebrate the day with pancakes, symbolising the use of rich ingredients before the Lenten fast begins.

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Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of repentance and reflection, where Catholics are invited to examine their hearts and commit to a season of spiritual renewal. During Mass or a liturgy, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful in the shape of a cross, with the words, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' This symbolises the mortality of human life and the call to humility, repentance, and conversion.

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OBSERVING THE SEASON OF LENT IN SCHOOL

Liturgical Year



- 1st March – St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales (Feast)
- 4th March – St Casimir
- 7th March – Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- 8th March – St John of God, Religious
- 9th March – St Frances of Rome, Religious
- 17th March – St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast)
- 19th March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
- 25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

- Peace on Earth;
- Openness to the Word of God;
- Christian Unity;
- The Sick and Those Who Care for Them;
- Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it;
- The Unemployed.

Other Religions

- **Between the 28th February – 1st March** – Ramadan begins
 - A sacred month of fasting, prayer, and reflection observed by Muslims worldwide.
- **14th March** – Purim (Judaism)
 - A joyful Jewish festival commemorating the deliverance of the Jewish people as told in the Book of Esther.
- **29th March** – Holi (Hinduism)
 - A festival celebrating the arrival of spring, marked by joyful gatherings and the throwing of coloured powders.

OTHER RELIGIONS/WORLDVIEWS:
FOR POWERPOINTS REGARDING KEY OTHER RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS SEE [HERE](#).