



Gospel Newsletter



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Second Sunday of Lent

March 2025

Luke 9:28-36

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.



Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. While he was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfill God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.)

While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen — listen to him!"

When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen.



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What do you remember from the reading today?

Jesus goes up a hill with Peter, James and John to pray.

While he is praying a great change comes over him. His face was changed and his clothes became sparkling white. How do you think the disciples felt when they saw this?

Then a voice came from the clouds saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen — listen to him." Whose voice do you think this is? How do you think the disciples felt after hearing God speak directly to them?

How would you feel if you had been on the mountain with Jesus when all this happened?

Jesus is changed. And everything changes for the disciples too. After all they know now that Jesus really is the Son of God. The disciples see Jesus in all his glory.

It can bring us joy when we see someone who is able to be the best they can be. Someone who is not just surviving and meeting their basic needs, but someone who is thriving and is filled with hope for the future.

Through our prayers this Lent we can hope for wonderful changes. We can ask God to help us to act differently, to make the world a fairer place, and to treat others as we would wish to be treated. Together we can try to build a world that is changed for the better, a world which reflects the glory of God.

In this gospel, God also asks us to listen to his Son, who calls us to love one another. Do you think you could listen to God and Jesus a bit more this Lent?

How do you think we can best listen to Jesus and ask him for help?

The disciples thought perhaps they should stay on the mountain and worship Jesus, but Jesus took them back down. In the same way, our faith is not something just for church, but it is something that we have to live out every day in all that we do.

What do you think you can do to show love in the coming week?

What will you do to try and live more as God asks you to? How will you listen and change your life and our world for the better?

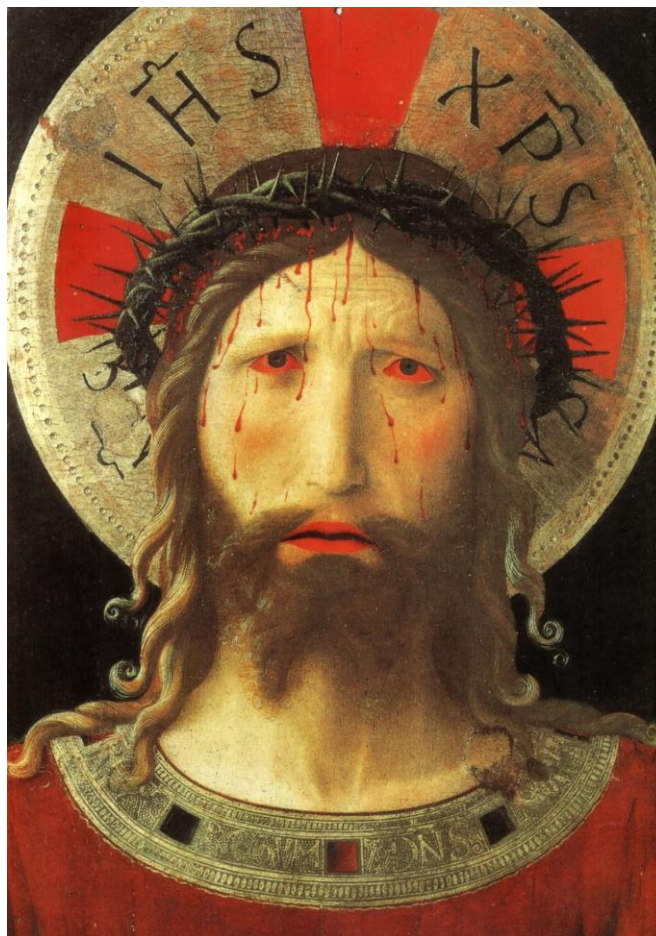
Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



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

**The Son of Man must suffer
many things
Luke 9:22-25**

**Christ crowned with Thorns,
Painted by Fra Angelico (1390/5-
1455),
Painted in 1438,**



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



Traditional: '[I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say](#)' by Horatius Bonar

Contemporary: '[All Who Are Thirsty](#)' by Brenton Brown



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?

**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](#):



Second Sunday of Lent

"While Jesus was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white." Luke 9:29

Conversation cards

Sometimes we can see people every day, but not really see them deeply. Take some time to use the Lent discussion cards as a family and pray for the gift of seeing each other in a new way. Download the cards here: cafod.org.uk/lentfamilyprayers

Our family commitment

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We will show love by...



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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 shriven, 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](#).