



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2025

John 8:1-11

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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.

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Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered round him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?" They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.



As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." Then

he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. He straightened himself up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"

"No one, sir," she answered.

"Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."

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

The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has done something wrong. The law says that she should be punished, but the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do. What does Jesus say?

Jesus says that the person who has done nothing wrong themselves, should be the person who throws the first stone at the woman.

Why do you think Jesus says this? What happens next?

Slowly, all the scribes and Pharisees leave, until just the woman and Jesus are left. What does Jesus say to the woman?

Jesus says that he will not punish her either, but that she should go away and try to do the right thing from now on. How do you think the woman felt when she heard this? Is it easy to change?

We have all done things wrong. Can you think of a time when you did something wrong? Don't say it out loud, but keep it in your head. How did it feel when you knew you had done something wrong? What happened next? Did you get told off? How did it feel when you had said sorry, and been forgiven? Will you try not to do whatever it was again?

Jesus knows that none of us are perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.

Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer hurt others.

We all have times when we are treated unfairly and it hurts. We also all have times when we are not quite as nice to others as we should be.

Let us try to forgive those who treat us unfairly and to follow Jesus' example of love for all people. But let's also try to make a change – to do what is right, and to help others to feel God's love in the way that we treat them.

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.

**So they were seeking to arrest
him
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**

**An Arrest,
Painted by Christian Ludwig
Bokelmann (1844-1894),
Painted in 1881,
Oil on canvas
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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: '[Father I Have Sinned](#)' by Eugene O'Reilly CSsR

Contemporary: '[The Prodigal Song](#)' by Cory Asbury



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**:*



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"Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus. "Go away, and don't sin anymore." John 8:11

Second chance

Jesus gave the woman another chance. Why not give some household rubbish a second chance and help look after the planet? Perhaps make a toilet roll desk tidy, a sock puppet or paint empty glass jars and display them with tealights inside.



Sandy sorry

Gather around a small sandpit if you have one and take turns writing the word 'sorry' in the sand. As you do so think of some things you want to say sorry to God for.

Smooth over the sand and celebrate the fact God always forgives us and gives us another chance.

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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



Easter Triduum

- 17th April - Maundy Thursday. Celebrating the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- 18th April - Good Friday. Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Day of fasting and abstinence.
- 19th April - Holy Saturday.
- 20th April - Easter Sunday. Celebrations of the Resurrection of the Lord
- 2nd April - St Francis of Paola
- 4th April - Saint Isidore
- 5th April - Saint Vincent Ferrer
- 7th April - St John Baptist de la Salle
- 11th April - St Stanislaus,
- 23rd April - St George
- 28th April - St. Peter Chanel
- 28th April - St George
- 29th April - St Catherine of Siena

- **29th March** – Holi (Hinduism)
 - A festival celebrating the arrival of spring, marked by joyful gatherings and the throwing of coloured powders.
- **31st March** – Islamic: Eid al-Fitr
 - Marks the end of Ramadan, celebrated with a feast and prayers.
- **14th April** – Sikh, Hindu: Vaisakhi
 - Marks the Sikh New Year and celebrates the spring harvest.

Other Religions