



Second Sunday of Easter

April 2025

John 20:19-31

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.



It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me?"

How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

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The disciples are frightened and lonely and so they have locked themselves away.

Who suddenly appears in the room? And what does Jesus say?

Jesus says: "Peace be with you." How did the disciples feel when they heard this? Why?

The disciples were filled with joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and was with them again.

Thomas wasn't there with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appeared. He refused to believe Jesus had been there until he saw for himself.

We all have times when we can be a bit like Thomas. When we find it hard to believe in God and his love for us. Times when we are not really sure if God really is here with us.

But God is always with us, even though we can't see him.

Peace can mean different things to different people. CAFOD asked some children around the world what peace meant to them, here are some of their answers:

Lucky in Kenya said, "Peace is very important and it makes us be united."

Sebastian who lives in Colombia said that "peace is forgiveness". He also thinks that "peace is very beautiful".

Yulia in Ukraine said: "My dream is to have peace over our heads."

What does peace mean to you?

There are many places in the world right now where there is conflict and war. Millions of people have had to leave their homes. Many have fled to other nearby countries.

CAFOD is part of a family of Catholic charities around the world called Caritas. When an emergency happens, Caritas is already there.

For instance, CAFOD has been helping Caritas to reach communities in Ukraine since the war broke out three years ago. They have been giving out food baskets and drinking water, offering hot meals and healthcare services to those in need.

Maria, Stephan and their four children had to flee the fighting and found shelter in a village on the other side of country. They couldn't afford the firewood that they needed to keep warm in the cold, snowy winter. But they were able to ask for and get help from Caritas.

Let us remember in our prayers this week everyone who is affected by war, and all the people who are working to support them. We pray that God will give them courage, strength and hope at this difficult time.

We also pray for world leaders to make the right decisions which will help to bring peace.

We can try to share peace in our lives. We can try to make things right when we have argued with a friend or family member. We can try to talk to people calmly when something upsets us or makes us angry, rather than shouting or stamping or being violent. We can stand up for what is right and help others who need some extra support.

Will you pray and work for peace in our world in the coming week? What will you do?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



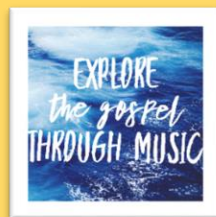
You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

The caught one hundred and fifty-three fish
John 21:1-14

Miraculous Draught of Fishes,
Painting by John Reilly (1928-2010)
Painted in 1978



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



Traditional: [Love is Come Again](#) (Now the Green Blade Riseth) by John M Campbell Crum
Contemporary: [He's Alive](#) by Ben Pearson
Contemporary: [Glorious Day](#) by Passion



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

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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?

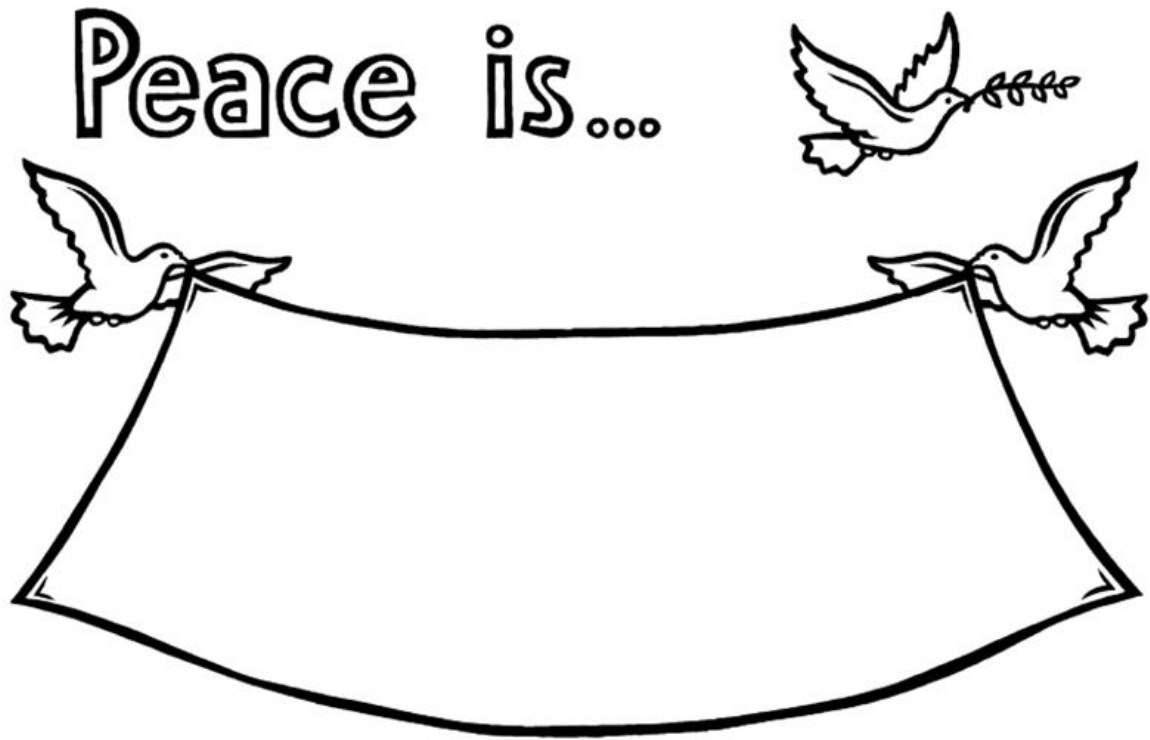
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This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:

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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