THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

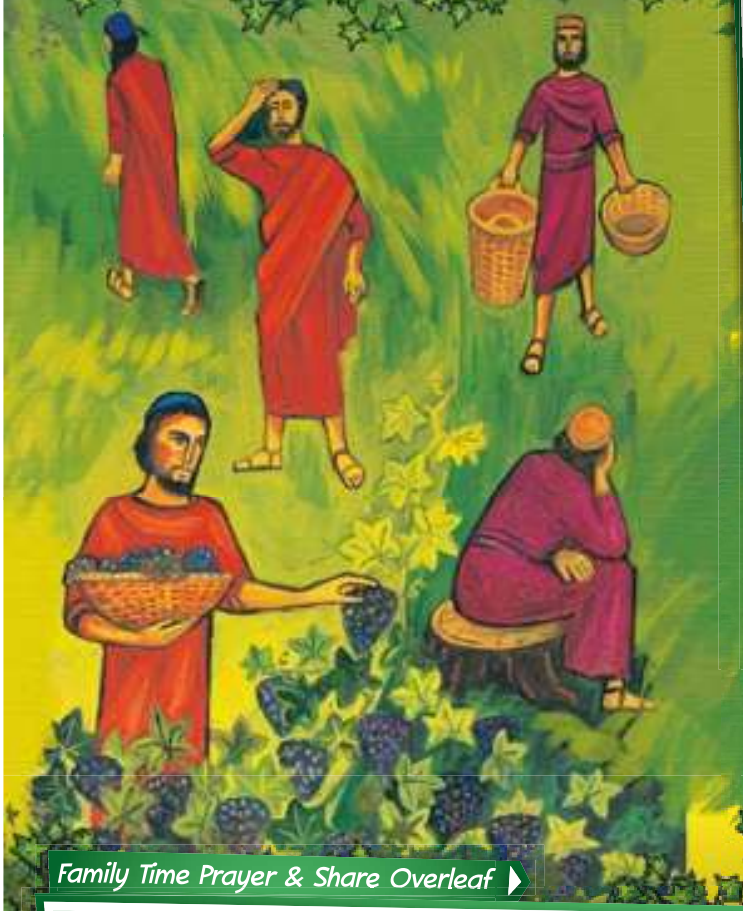
Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again - God will be there for us.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CHANGE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from the Saints

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." St John Henry Newman



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 27th September 2026

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' 'I will not go,' his son replied - but later he changed his mind and went. The man said the same thing to his other son, and the son replied, 'Yes, I will' - but he did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?" "The first," they said. Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him. And even then you did not change your minds and believe him."

Adapted from Matthew 21:28-32
The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

In this Sunday's Gospel, both sons changed their minds - but only one of them changed for the better. Each new day is an opportunity for us to change. We can ask God to help us to change and so enrich our lives and the world around us - to love as Jesus loved - to change for the better.

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Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

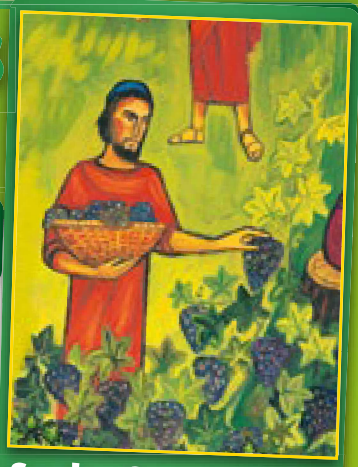
10 MINUTES

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

One day, Jesus told the chief priests a story. "A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' 'I will not go,' his son replied – but later he changed his mind and went. The father said the same thing to the second son, and the son replied, 'Yes, I will' – but he did not go." Then Jesus asked them, "Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?" "The first," they replied.

Which son changed their mind for the better?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

CHANGE

"We all can improve and change for the better."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Ask your child what the word 'change' means to them. As a family, share any positive changes which have recently taken place at home, at school or within the community. Let your child know about at least one way in which they have changed for the better and grown in goodness over the past months (e.g. in behaviour, in attitude, in helpfulness). How does your child think that changing in that way has helped them? How has it helped the family or their friends?

Each of you share something about yourself that you would like to change – and say why. Perhaps it is: trying to listen better at school; being more patient; helping out more at home; always remembering to say your daily prayers. How can you make that change? Do you need anyone's help? Are there any other ways to make a change for the better over the coming days? You may also like to choose something new to do together that will make life better for the family.

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Dear Lord Jesus, grant me the courage to change what can be changed, the peace to accept the things that cannot be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- ☑ TWO SONS ☑
- ☐ REFUSED ☐
- ☐ AGREED ☐
- ☐ CHANGED ☐
- ☐ MIND ☐
- ☐ PLEASED ☐
- ☐ FATHER ☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **k l m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

tkwolm Jelksums famthelrk dlimdk

_____ to me, Then _____ asked them, "Which of the _____ sons _____ what his _____ wanted?".

This Sunday's Gospel can remind us that God gives us the freedom to change – the choice is ours. Listening and acting upon what our parents, priests, teachers and others tell us about Jesus helps us to keep growing and changing into the best people we can be.

FINDING THREE

Find and **draw 3** differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley

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