THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 25th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us. The message from the Gospel is very clear: we are to 'stay awake!'

A little extra daily prayer throughout Advent is a great way to do this – to be alert to Jesus' presence around us. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another.

Make a great start to Advent, enjoying a special *Wednesday Word* Together Time, discussing this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **PRAYER**.



Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from the Saints

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself." St Teresa of Calcutta

"The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts!"

Pope Francis



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 29th November 2026



Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you do not know when the end time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his own task, and orders the doorkeeper to stay awake. So, stay awake - because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be evening or midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you still sleeping. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Stay awake!"

Adapted from Mark 13:33-37

The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

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2026 *Preparing for Christmas: Family Time Overleaf*

Good News for Everyone

Enhance the joy of Advent and enrich your family's Christmas preparations by joining in with the *Wednesday Word* Prayer & Share. Experience a very special togetherness which comes from this weekly tradition of *Family Time* prayer.



Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

10 MINUTES

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake. When a rich man travels abroad, he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge and orders the doorkeeper to keep a good watch. So, always be ready - because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be evening or midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you unready for him. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Stay awake - be ready!"

When will the Master of the house return?

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...

"Prayer is the best gift of love you can give anyone you love."

St Teresa of Calcutta

PRAYER

Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Do they like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer? It may be a well-known prayer or one they have made up themselves. You might like to share one of your favourite prayers with your child. Singing hymns or carols can also be a way of praying. Take turns to name your favourite Christmas carol. Why not come along to church and join in this Advent? All are warmly invited.

Advent is a time to get ready to welcome Jesus - to draw closer to God. Prayer helps us to do this. We can pray anywhere, at any time. Each of you say where you like to pray. Maybe at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside or elsewhere? What would you like to pray and ask God for this Advent? Who will you pray for? It could be your family, a friend, a teacher, your priest, or maybe someone in need, near or far. Besides praying, how else might you help them?

3 Can you complete 'The Lord's Prayer': Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day ...

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- ☑ THIS SUNDAY ☑
- ☐ ADVENT BEGINS ☐
- ☐ AWAKE READY ☐
- ☐ JESUS RETURNS ☐

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

Cross out the letters **u b c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"_____ I am _____ to you now,

I say to _____: Stay _____ !"

Prayer is spending time with God, talking and listening, sharing your life with God.

This Advent, try adding an extra prayer each day and become more awake to the joy of being closer to Jesus.

FINDING THREE



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

This week I will try my best to...

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

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