

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enthusiasm is one of life's most important ingredients. The word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' which means 'God-filled'. Life really is joyful when we are enthusiastic about the right things.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a

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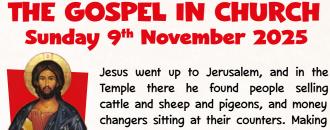
protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change.

Right here - right now - we can begin or renew our relationship with God and be filled with fresh enthusiasm for life. Enjoy your week together, and help share God's love - with ENTHUSIASM

Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from the Saints

"Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with confidence.* Pope Saint John Paul II



cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house

into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

> Adapted from John 2:13-22 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Enthusiasm is an attractive quality. As we become more aware of God's presence in our daily lives, we become happier and more filled with energy and enthusiasm. God wants us to pray: to ask him to fill us with enthusiasm for the right, good and lasting things in life.



Good News for Families **OCETHER TIME**

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

Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Inside the Temple, he saw people selling animals, and among them sat the money changers. So Jesus made a whip and chased them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well. Jesus knocked over the money tables, scattering the coins and said to the pigeon sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market."

What did Jesus do in the Temple?

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?

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

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" St Catherine of Siena

Jesus was a very enthusiastic person. He was passionate for people to worship God in a true and proper way. He saw that many had become so interested in money that they were losing respect for God and for God's ways. Ask your child what the word 'enthusiasm' means to them. Which person or group of people do they know who is enthusiastic and full of energy for doing the right thing? What is your child enthusiastic about? What gives them energy to do good?

Each new day presents us with an opportunity to stop and think if there are any unhelpful things that we need to clear out from our lives, so that we can grow in our enthusiasm for God. To help us to do this, perhaps we can: each night before we go to sleep, say sorry to God for anything that we may have done wrong (examine our conscience) and ask God to forgive us; be enthusiastic to say our family prayers together; avoid any temptation to be greedy, but rather give cheerfully to charity.

Dear Lord Jesus, please fill us with enthusiasm to love you, to serve you, and to help others to know you too. Amen.

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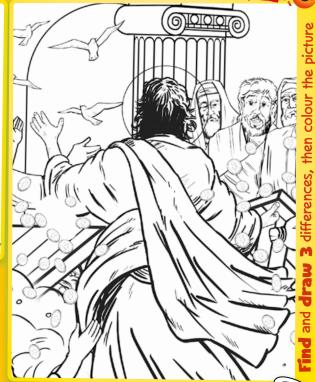
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Sometimes the best moments come from small acts done with great enthusiasm. Saying thank you, giving a big smile, helping Mum or Dad - these little things can make someone's day better and help us to become more like Jesus.



This week I will try my best to

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smile

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