



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 'Little Way Week' special edition of The Wednesday Word. 'Little Way Week' is a week of service inspired by the life and writings of St Thérèse of Lisieux. St Thérèse gave God first place in her life and found great happiness through serving others in everyday little ways.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness. So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the security and true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. This message is for us too.

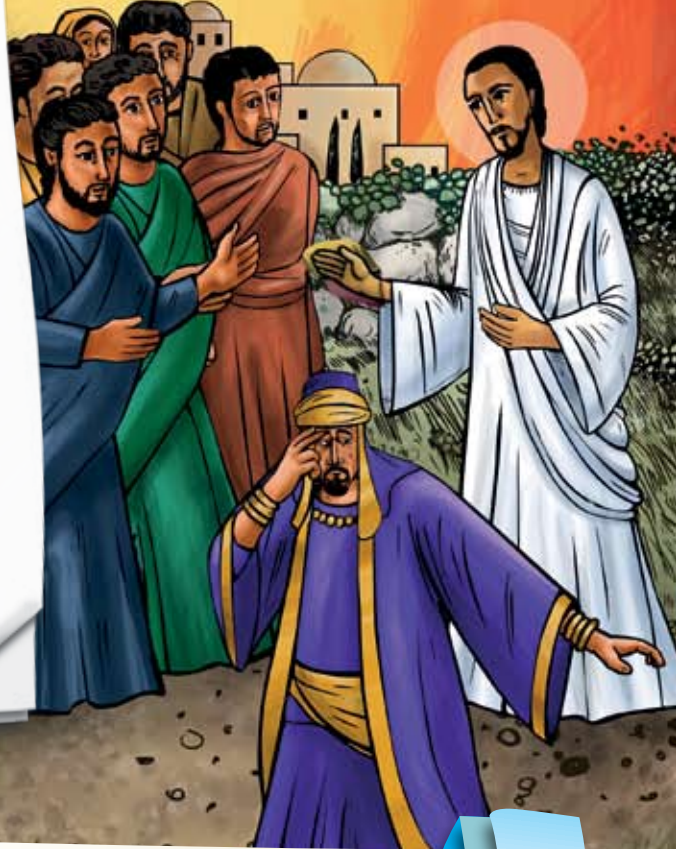
Just follow the simple steps overleaf to enjoy a special Family Time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is HAPPINESS.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word please visit:  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

"If we allow the love of Christ to change our heart, then we can change the world. This is the secret of authentic happiness."

Pope Benedict XVI



Adapted from

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY - 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

A man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life - to live forever with God?" Jesus answered, "You know the ten commandments." And the man said, "Yes Master, and I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But the man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God." "In that case," they said, "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For people," Jesus said, "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012 - Mark 10:17-30 (the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church ~ all are warmly invited.



# Our Special 5 Minutes Together



## FAMILY TIME & SUNDAY SEARCH PAGE

### Helping your Child Grow in Faith and Happiness through Sunday's Gospel

#### 1 Enjoy Reading this Sunday's Gospel Together

See the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

**A** man of great wealth asked Jesus, "Master, what must I do so that I will live with God forever?" Jesus looked at him and was filled with love for him. Then Jesus replied, "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me." But the man went away sad, because he was very rich.

How did the young man feel after walking away from Jesus? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Look at the Sunday Gospel Gallery below or overleaf. What does it make you think about?

#### GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILIES

The Catholic Catechism teaches that we are all created by God to be happy with him forever.

Jesus reminds us that, if we want to be truly happy, wealth and possessions are not as important as following him and serving those around us – just as St. Thérèse of Lisieux did.



#### 2 This Wednesday's Word

**HAPPINESS**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the wealthy man was looking for true happiness – to live forever with God. But he went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness.

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy).

#### 3 Loving God & Each Other

As we celebrate 'Little Way Week', each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week.

Perhaps we can: make sure we put others' needs first; volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve our parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what we are asked to do at home and at school; let someone know that we have prayed for them; visit the 'Little Way Week' web area for more ideas – please see: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/little-way-week](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/little-way-week)

Dear Lord Jesus, may our family be rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others. Amen.

### Sunday Search™

SEEK - FIND COLOUR - CREATE

Find the following words in Sunday's Scripture Square

- RICH
- QUESTIONED
- FOLLOW
- TREASURE
- EVERLASTING
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- MAN
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- SERVE
- HEAVEN
- HAPPINESS

### Gospel Gallery



MORE AT: [WEDNESDAYWORD.ORG](http://WEDNESDAYWORD.ORG)

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**Little Way Week**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012



'Little Way Week' takes its inspiration from St Thérèse of Lisieux who gave the Church a teaching called the 'Little Way'; a commitment to do small tasks every day with love. See the special feature, with ideas for seven days of service, at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/little-way-week](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/little-way-week)