

# St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 3rd March we held World Book Day 2023 at St. Edward's. Classes carried out a variety of activities in their classrooms with their teaches. We started the day with a parade of costumes in the playground. This year the standard was particularly high with some amazing home-made creations.

The day culminated in our World Book Day Assembly, with a presentation of dramatic scenes songs and readings from each class.

Prizes for costumes and story artefacts were presented in an assembly. The winners book tokens can be redeemed at Newham Bookshop on Barking Road.

May we add a special thank you to Owl Bookshop in Kentish Town Road and Daunt Bookshops in Hampstead Heath for providing us with free books.

And Lastly, many thanks to parents who acquired and made book costumes for our children.



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# Hamlet

*On Monday 20th March some year 5 and 6 children were able to see a National Theatre production of Hamlet. Hamlet's father is dead, his uncle has taken over the kingdom and married Hamlet's mum. Hamlet is understandably upset, but has to decide if he should take revenge.*

*This children's production, included contemporary music, costumes and special effects as well as sword-fighting, dancing, ghostly apparitions and a mix of accessible language and the most powerful lines from the play.*

*Well-prepared, St. Edward's children had already studied key aspects of the setting and characters in a workshop the week before and were able to engage with this most famous classic text.*







# ST. EDWARD'S SPORT NEWS



## FOOTBALL

*Congratulations to our football team who have been selected on merit by West Ham to represent them in a Primary Stars football competition run by the premiership.*

*Our boys will don the claret and blue strip and head for Elland road the home ground of Leeds United on the 6th of June.*

*There they will face representatives from all of the other premiership teams.*

*An exciting and well-deserved reward for their outstanding performances this year.*



## ATHLETICS

*Year 3 and 4 athletics Team.*

*Our super speedy girl's athletics team won gold in the Partnership's Sportshall Athletics competition.*

*The team excelled in all four field events and then capped off an exciting afternoon by winning the final relay race.*





# Art Week

*Art Week was a fantastic week for the children in our school. It was a whole week dedicated to learning about different printing styles. From the nursery to Year 6, each cohort had a different theme to explore.*



*Nursery explored printing with found objects.*



*Reception printed with printing forks, sponges and fruit and vegetables.*



*Year 1 printed and created pictures with found objects.*



*Year 2 did Gelli prints.*



*Year 3 looked at 'Adrinkra' prints from west Africa and created their own 'Adrinkra' style templates.*



*Year 4 learnt about a Japanese style of fish printing called 'Goyataku'. They used carbon paper for printing.*



*Year 5 learnt about lithography. They created their templates using extra strong foil and a biro.*



*Year 6 created their own Lino Prints.*

**Art  
Week**

EVERY *artist*  
WAS **first** an  
**AMATEUR**  
-RALPH WALDO EMERSON-



# LILY CLASS

## *assembly*

*On Thursday 23rd February Lily class celebrated their class assembly. The theme of the assembly was spring in particular how plants grow. The children were very excited to see their parents and show off their talents by singing, dancing and saying their parts. They had a wonderful time and should be very proud of themselves as they used clear, loud voices. They also showed some of their work they did at home for DT on Kites. Well done Lily Class I am super proud of you!*



# ROSE CLASS

## *assembly*

*Rose Class had the opportunity to share the female icons in their lives that inspire them to be the best versions of themselves. Just like the women remembered and celebrated throughout their assembly in connection with International Women's Day. They all showcased their talents in saying phrases in Tagalog, performing poetry and displaying pieces of art inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe, whilst showing awareness for embracing equity, which was this year's theme for IWD.*



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# FERN CLASS

## assembly

Fern Class really enjoyed their recent assembly exploring British Values and why they are so important. Our British Values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Tolerance, Respect and Individual Liberty. We shared our views on why British Values are important to us and our school. We hope you enjoyed our performances as the children worked very hard. Thank you all for your support.



On Tuesday 14th March, year 5 visited the Stratford East Theatre in Stratford to see *The Trail of Josie K* by Katie Hims', with Tom Moores as the bureaucrat and Nkhanise Phiri as Josie K, who is a twelve-year-old girl in about being caught in a web of loss and responsibility. This is part of as part of Newham Council's Enrichment Programme.

*'Inspired by Kafka's The Trial, this is a story of defiance, the power of friendship and finding hope, even in a world where no one has explained the rules.'*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://stratfordeast.com/whats-on/all-shows/the-trial-of-josie-k/1607> the rules.

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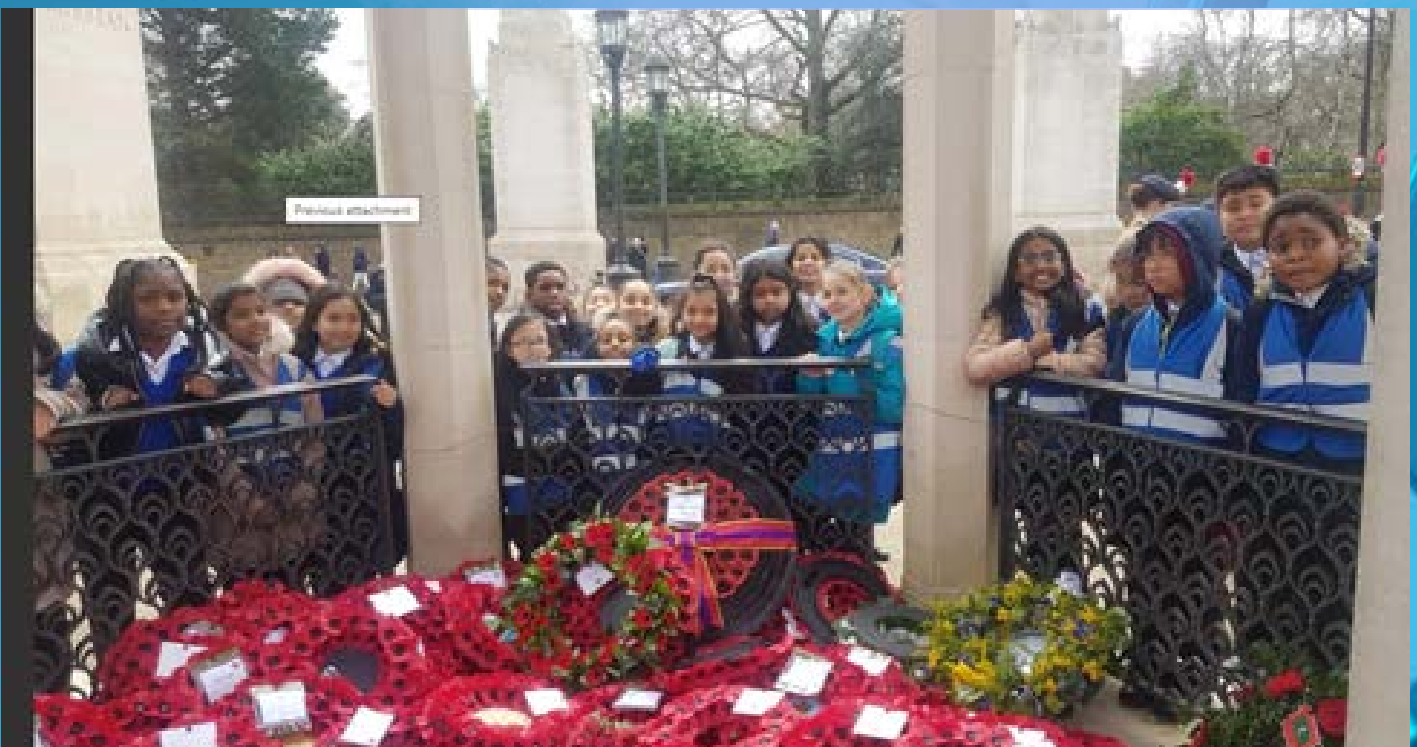


# COMMONWEALTH DAY!



*Our commonwealth choir had a busy day on Commonwealth Day - 13th March 2023.*

*Half attended Horse-guards Parade and sang while the other half sang at the Memorial Gates on Constitutional Hill in celebration and recognition of the commonwealth armed forces for all their efforts during the past wars.*



*"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS"*





# AWARD TIME



**We are delighted to receive an award from FFT, who monitor attendance across the whole country. This is a recognition of everyone's effort in getting the children into school everyday.**



## National School Attendance Award

2022/23 Autumn Term



St Edward's Catholic Primary

Top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England





Friends of St Teddy's

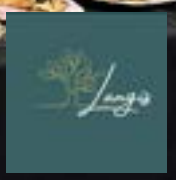
# MOTHER'S DAY

Celebration

*The Friends of St Teddy's hosted a wonderful Mother's Day celebration where parents and guardians were able to come in and spend some quality time with their children while enjoying lots of delicious food and drinks. It was so heartwarming to see the children gifting their roses to their special person and we even had special deliveries for our amazing staff.*

*Congratulations to our raffle winners, thank you for taking part and we hope that you enjoyed your gifts. Many thanks to our sponsors, Bakes and Toppers for treating us with their yummy brownies and Langis who gave an essential oils pack which completed our Mother's Day Hamper.*

*Thanks to everyone for their continuous support because without you all, we wouldn't be able to hold such a successful event.*





# OLIVER TWIST

On Thursday the 30th of March our children had the wonderful opportunity to watch the Oliver Twist show performed by the M & M theatre company. The children really enjoyed the show and joined in with the singing and dancing to this classic story. The actors did a brilliant job and portrayed the roles of Oliver Twist, Artful Dodger and Fagin in the classic Charles Dicken's style. We look forward to welcoming them back next year for another amazing performance.



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 24th March, our children from Nursery to Y6 had great fun taking part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Eggs were hidden in the Nursery and Reception playgrounds and there was great excitement each time an Egg was discovered. A big thank you, as always, to our PTA for organizing this event.



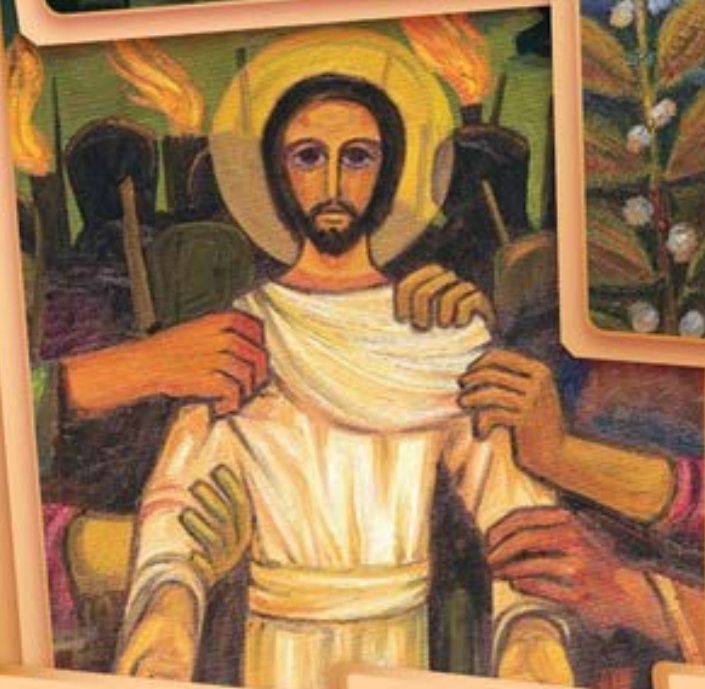
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# THE Wednesday WORD LENT & EASTER 2023



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Good News for Families

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Wednesday  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Good News  
for Families

1

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it.

As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?" "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee," was the reply.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. Matthew 21:1-11 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?  
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY WEEK**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.



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## Wednesday's Words

HOLY WEEK



**"To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving."** Pope Francis

What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. You might like to tell your child something that you know about Holy Week. As a family, look at these small pictures together. What do they remind you of or make you think about?



**"Jesus' love for us is not an illusion. The Church is born from Jesus' supreme act of love on the Cross."** Pope Francis

Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by the priest, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. To find out more about Holy Week, please see: [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)



Dear Lord Jesus, as Holy Week approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY  
WORDSEARCH

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

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**JERUSALEM**

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Cross out the letters  
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**Wednesday**  
**5th April 2023**



**Good News  
for Families**

# 1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 9th April 2023. John 20:1-9 (Easter Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **EASTER**.

**2**

**"Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ!"** Pope Francis

**Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb? This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday.** This is the day when the Church throughout the world especially remembers and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus - his rising in glory. Ask your child what they have been learning at school about Easter Sunday. On this day, people renew their baptismal promises together in Church. It may help your child if you tell them something else that you know, or have experienced, about Easter.

**3**

**Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar.** This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness. All are warmly invited to come and join with the Church community this Sunday and celebrate the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives. As a family, share ideas about what you might also do to celebrate Easter Sunday and make it special. For ideas and lots more about Easter, please see: [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk). Who can you help to have a happy Easter?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for this Sunday's wonderful celebration of your resurrection. Please bless my family with new life throughout the great Season of **Easter**. Amen.

**Write** a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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**Wednesday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



**Good News  
for Families**

## **1** Enjoy reading the Gospel

Thomas, who was one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when the risen Jesus came and stood among them. So when the others told him, "We have seen the Lord," Thomas answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors of the house were closed, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, who had doubted that Jesus had risen, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. John 20:19-31 (the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PEACE**.

**2**

**"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world  
and in each of our hearts." Pope Francis**

**What were the first words that the Risen Jesus said to the disciples?** The peace that Jesus promises to those who love him is an inner peace which comes from following him and knowing deep within ourselves that God is our Father. Ask your child what the word 'peace' means to them. Ask them when they feel most at peace, or when they feel most safe and not worried about anything. Do they know someone who is a good peacemaker – someone who always helps to ease trouble because they bring God's love with them?

**3**

**True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God.**

This peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of trouble or uncertainty. Peace, like love, is a gift to share. How can we bring peace to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: do what our parents and teachers ask us to do; pray and ask God that we may be filled with peace; remember to smile when we meet people; try to be peacemakers if our friends are arguing.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our special time together. Please help us to know your perfect **peace**, and to share that **peace** with those around us. Amen.

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# Wednesday

## 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# Good News for Families

## 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

After Jesus had been crucified, two of his disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were feeling sad and talking together about all that had happened and how some women had seen a vision of angels who declared that Jesus was alive. Then as they were talking Jesus came and walked by their side and talked to them about the scriptures; but something prevented them from recognising him. As evening approached, the disciples begged Jesus to stay with them for supper. It was when Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them that their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but then he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" Filled with joy, they set out immediately and returned to their friends to tell them all that had happened and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. Luke 24:13-35 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **JESUS**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.





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## Wednesday's Word

JESUS

**"Each encounter with Jesus changes our life. Jesus is with us today! He is alive, Jesus is in our hearts."** Pope Francis

Why were the disciples feeling sad when they were travelling to Emmaus? After his resurrection Jesus was seen by his closest friends and over 500 of his followers. Ask your child if they know what the name 'Jesus' means (parent help: the name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means 'God saves'). Jesus came to save us from doing wrong - to show us and to teach us how to live good lives. Does your child have a favourite story about Jesus? What does your child like about Jesus? It may help your child if you tell them something that you know and like about Jesus.

**"We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus."** St Rose of Lima

Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. We can encounter him in prayer and in one another. The more we know about Jesus through reading the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise him. Knowing and following Jesus helps happiness and love to grow in our families. Each of you choose something to do for each other at home or at school to be more like Jesus. Perhaps we can: decide to pray each day; read the gospels together; remember to regularly ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and then try to do the same ourselves.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for always being there for us. Help us to recognise you as we journey through life together. Amen.

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Jesus took the \_\_\_\_\_, blessed, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it to them and their \_\_\_\_\_ were opened.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus first helped his disciples understand the scriptures before breaking and sharing the bread with them - which is what happens at Mass each time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

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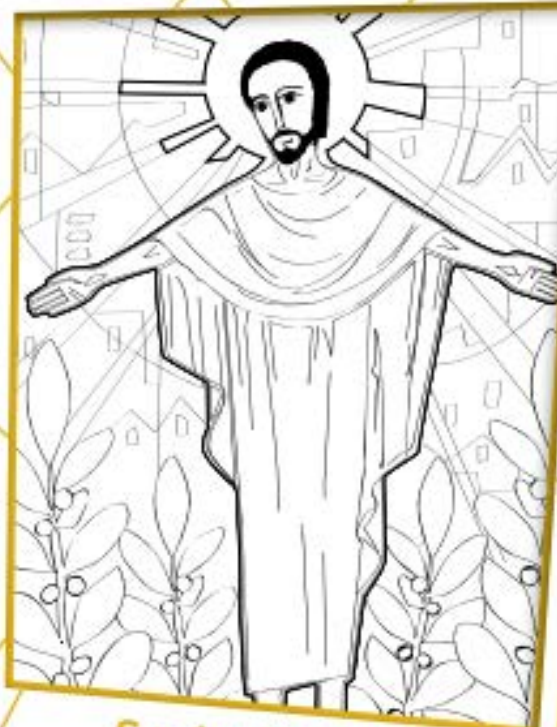




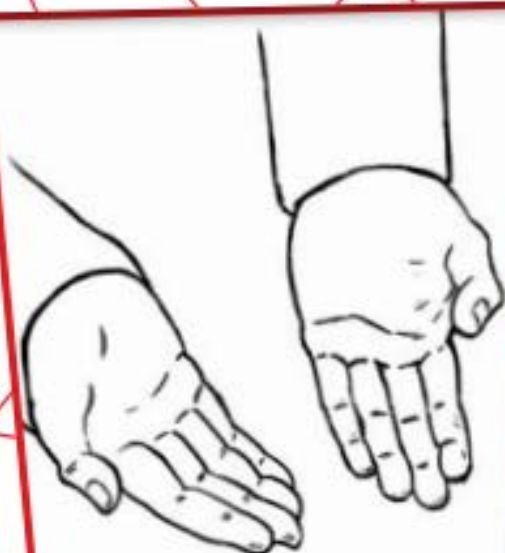
# THE Wednesday WORD GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

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GOSPEL -  
MATTHEW 27:11-23

11 Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.'

12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all.

13 Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have made against you?'

14 But to the governor's amazement, he offered not a word in answer to any of the charges.

15 At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose.

16 Now there was then a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas.

17 So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?'

18 For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

19 Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that upright man; I have been extremely upset today by a dream that I had about him.'

20 The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus.

21 So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said, 'Barabbas.'

22 Pilate said to them, 'But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!'

23 He asked, 'But what harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'

## Prayer for the Home

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let Thy blessing be upon us forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

