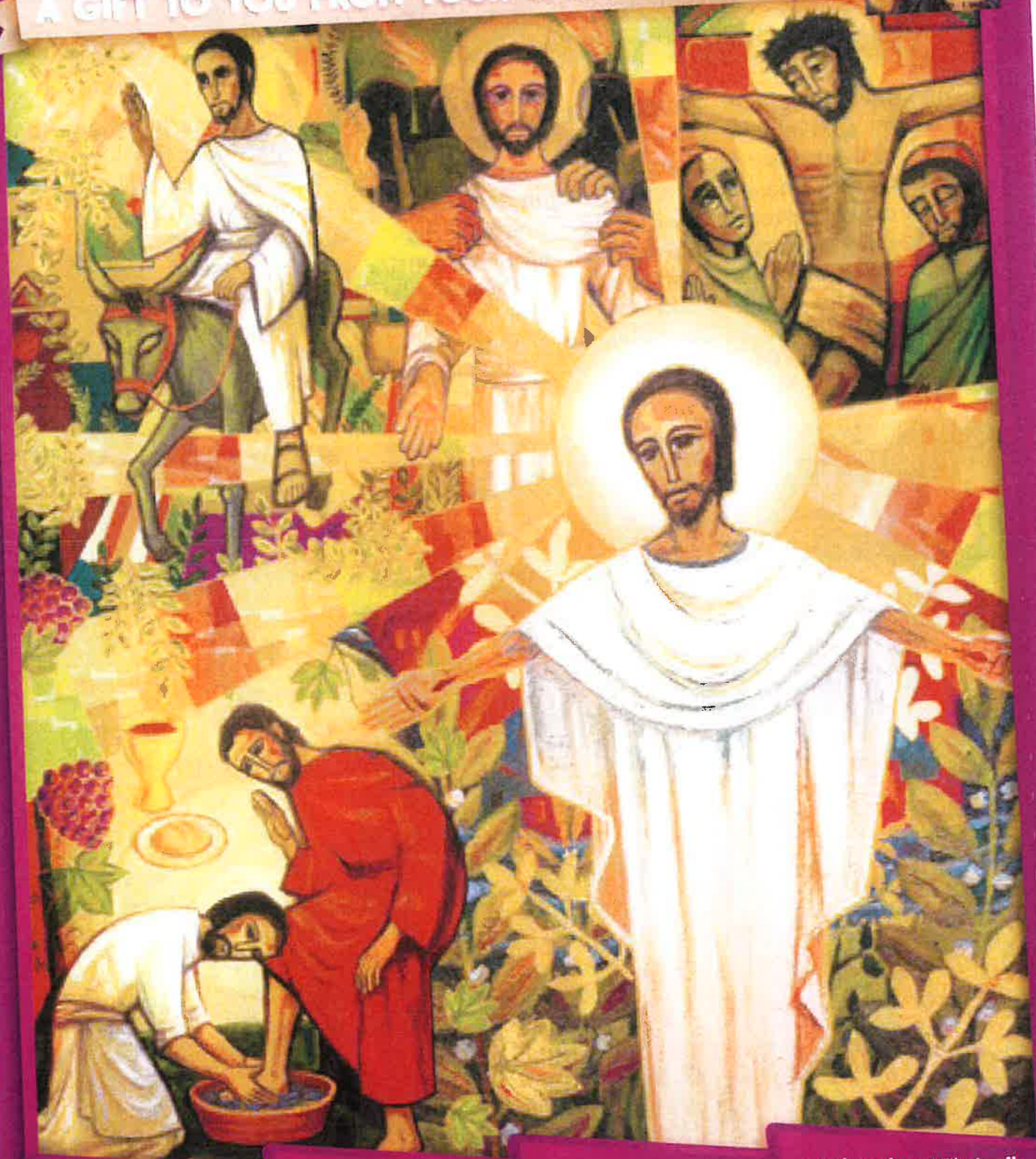


# THE **WORD** Wednesday LENT & EASTER 2026



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

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



"This week alone, unique in the full sense of the word, is the week of the Lord's Passion. It is Holy Week." St John Paul II

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?



"Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the Cross He gave us all of His love." St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

- JESUS
- JERUSALEM
- RIDING DONKEY
- PEOPLE PRAISING
- WAVING PALMS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

J	O	E	G	N	I	S	I	A	R	P	L
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I	A	Y	E	K	N	O	D	L	W	G	G
V	L	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	E
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W	S	G	D	O	N	K	E	Y	K	A	W

Cross out the letters **cbk** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

chibmk knabmec Loberdk Hocsaknnab

" \_\_\_\_\_! Blessings on \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!"

**Wednesday**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



**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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026. 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**.

**"He who has peace in his heart has Christ dwelling within him."** *St. Gregory of Nyssa*

**2** **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.

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

This week I will try my best to...

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