THE Wednesday WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church – a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Leo XIV, the current successor of St Peter.

Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITH**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." St Augustine of Hippo



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 28th June 2026



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

Adapted from Matthew 16:13-19
The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Year A

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

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings – it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith and there's no better time than now to explore and refresh your faith.
Find out more at: **cbcew.org.uk**

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Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME (10 MINUTES)

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

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, you are a happy man! Because this was made known to you by my Father in heaven. So from now on you will be called Peter, which means 'rock', and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

What was Simon Peter's reply to Jesus?

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...

FAITH

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." *St Ignatius of Antioch*

Faith is a gift from God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Who do they know who has great faith in God? Who helps them to grow in faith and learn more about God? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can: regularly read and talk about God together and with others; read the gospels; say morning or bedtime prayers together; ask God to help us grow in faith; follow Jesus by loving others; visit **cbcew.org.uk**; visit our local parish church website for more ideas.

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Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of **faith**. Please increase the **faith** of our family so that we can know you more closely. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

- FATHER
- HEAVEN
- GAVE
- PETER
- FAITH
- BELIEF
- JESUS
- SON

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

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

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Simon Peter _____ up and _____, "You are the _____, the Son of the _____ God."

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Each year, Missio, one of the Pope's official charities, helps us to celebrate this special feast day through their 'Day of Many Colours'. See missiontogether.org.uk/day-of-many-colours

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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