THE WORD Wednesday

# SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

## Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

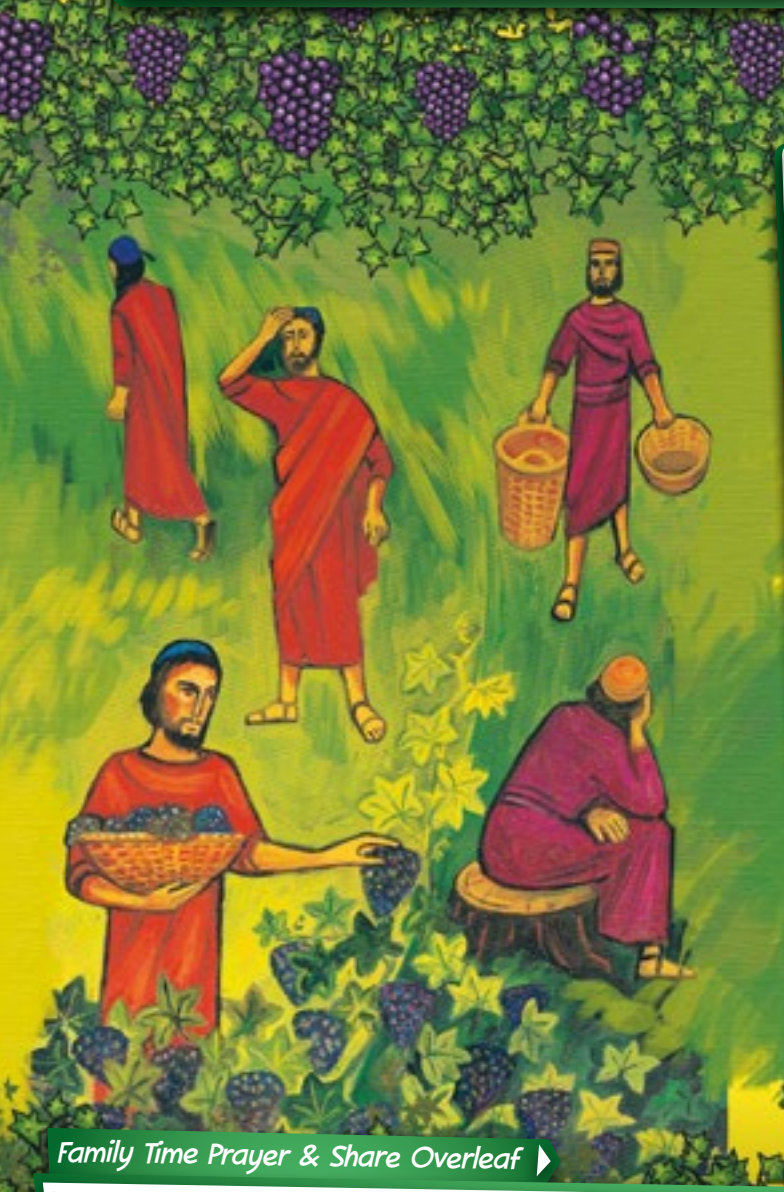
Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again - God will be there for us.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CHANGE**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*

**A Word from the Saints**

*"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."* St John Henry Newman



## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
### Sunday 27th September 2026

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' 'I will not go,' his son replied - but later he changed his mind and went. The man said the same thing to his other son, and the son replied, 'Yes, I will' - but he did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?" "The first," they said. Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him. And even then you did not change your minds and believe him."

*Adapted from Matthew 21:28-32*
The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. 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**

In this Sunday's Gospel, both sons changed their minds - but only one of them changed for the better. Each new day is an opportunity for us to change. We can ask God to help us to change and so enrich our lives and the world around us - to love as Jesus loved - to change for the better.

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