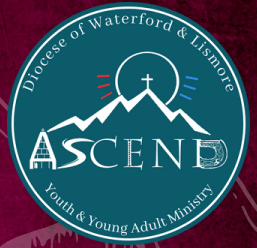


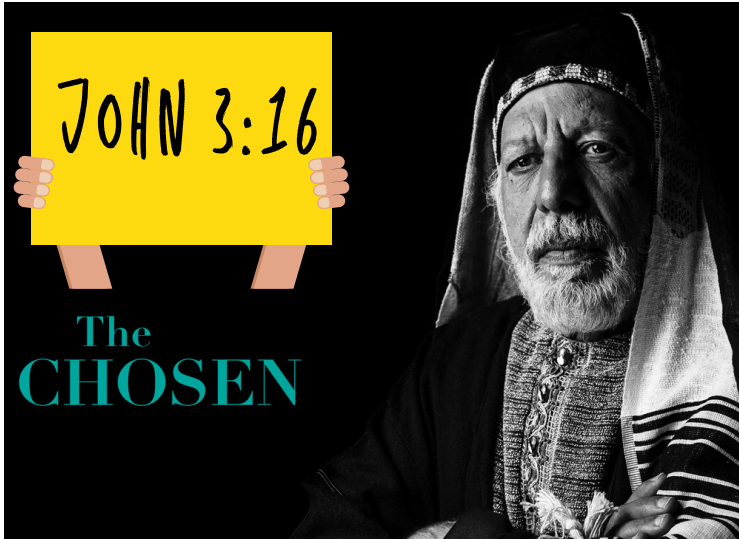


To the Heights



Year 8 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

Download from www.waterfordlismore.ie/resources or subscribe to receive by email!



Watch Season 1 Episode 7 of The Chosen for a moving presentation of this week's Gospel!

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Maybe you're good at memorising scripture. Maybe you've never even tried. This week, try to memorise John 3:16 and remind yourself of it. Maybe even write it on a post-it note, or frame it, so that you'll remember it when you need a reminder of just how much you are worth to God!

"Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."



GAMECHANGERS!

11 March
ST AENGUS

Click the image to discover more about this feast

The Catholic Church offers us so many examples of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them here, **Game Changers!**

More Gamechanger resources available on our website.



St Aengus' Chapel, Donegal

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HEAR: Sunday Gospel

John 3:14-21



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

Mark Hart

WATCH:



PRAY:



Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus, your only Son, into the world to save us. Help me to grow in knowledge of how much you love and value me.
Amen

TUNE!



In Christ Alone

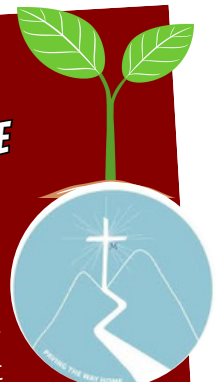
Keith & Kristyn Getty



GROW:

RESOURCES: PAVING THE WAY HOME

A Catholic online apostolate based in Ireland to support the official teachings of the Catholic Church through contemporary forms of media, which aims to bring clarity and truth to what the Catholic Church teaches instead of the confusion and misinterpretation that people often associate with it. Paving The Way Home wishes to discuss and explain the beauty and richness of what the Catholic Church teaches and why it teaches it.



EVENTS

Camp Creideamh: A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP FOR TEENS AGES 12-18 in Knockadoon in East Cork (P25TF34). Sunday 9th Jun 2024 – Saturday 15th June 2024. The camp will be a week of fun, friendship and growing in faith. The camp activities include Mass, prayer, catechesis, various sports, hillwalking, music, quizzes, movies, etc. More info on www.campcreideamh.ie



www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry



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PUZZLE

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW



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believes
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darkness
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Moses
Nicodemus
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Son of Man
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Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



RESPOND!

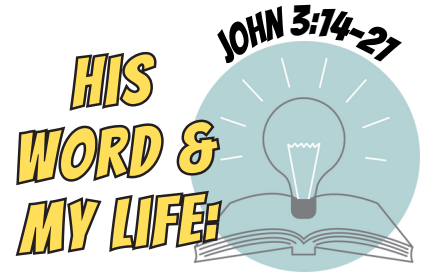


Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

"YES, GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY NOT BE LOST BUT MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."



[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO



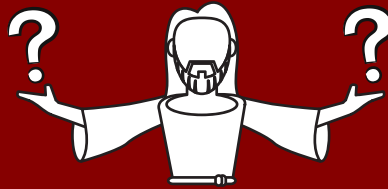
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This is the Good News of our Faith - this is the most basic belief Christians share. Even though our world is broken, even though many are lost, even though it seems like the darkness is so dark and so deep, the light will never be overcome.

Jesus is the Light of the World - that's not just a nice cliché or a comforting phrase. Jesus came to be lifted up (on a cross), to draw all humanity to himself (through His sacrifice) and He was raised to new life. Death, sin, darkness, brokenness - all were defeated by Him and in Him and through Him. Suffering can have meaning when united with His. The lost can find hope. The sinner can find mercy. The broken can find healing.

And that's Good News, the best news!



WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."
Nicene Creed

CHECK OUT THE
CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS
WHY GOD BECAME MAN
CCC 456-460



CHOOSE A FAVOURITE TOPIC (SPORT / TEAM / BAND / GAME ETC) AND
TALK FOR A MINUTE EXPLAINING THE BASIC INFO EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW.

IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU, "WHAT ARE THE BASICS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF?", OR "WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTIANITY?" HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER? WHAT POINTS WOULD YOU MENTION?



JOHN 3:16

Have you seen John 3:16 on posters at matches? What does the quote say?

HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY GOD BECAME MAN, WHY JESUS CAME TO US IN HUMAN FORM?

WATCH THIS EXTRACT FROM THE ALTARATION SERIES: "MARK HART ON THE 4 REASONS
GOD BECAME MAN." AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Mark lists 4 reasons God became man. We find these in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

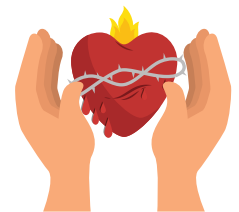
REASON 1: To save us from our _____, in other words, to r_____ us.
[Jesus accomplished this through His D_____ and R_____!]

REASON 2: To show us what _____ is. It's more than a feeling, or an idea, or a song lyric. It requires s_____ and it works for the other's s_____.

[Jesus showed the depth of His love for us by dying on the C_____!]

REASON 3: To model _____ for us.

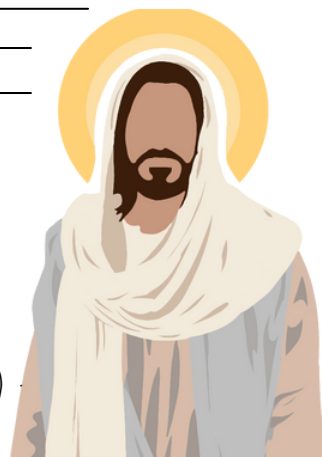
Can you think of ways Jesus modelled this way of life for us?
How did He serve / help others? _____



REASON 4: So that we can partake in the D_____ N_____.

God became man so man could become like _____.

God gives us His Divine life which we call g_____



WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

Rewatch Mark Hart's short video. Now test yourself - can you explain briefly the four reasons God became man? Maybe you can come up with some memory / mnemonic devices to help you?





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PRAYER TIME!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON GOD BECOMING MAN



- In Christ Alone - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss
- Here I am to Worship - Hillsong
- Lord I Lift Your Name on High: Shane & Shane
- Son of Man, Son of God - Travis Ryan
- Emmanuel - Hillsong
- What a Beautiful Name - Hillsong
- You gave your life away - Paul Baloche
- Human for me - Kathy Kinard



HFM Testimony: Watch Ezekiel's story of how His relationship with God has grown



Why did God take on our humanity? (Fr Mike Schmitz)



DOODLE PRAYER



JOHN 3:16

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