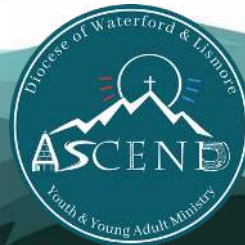


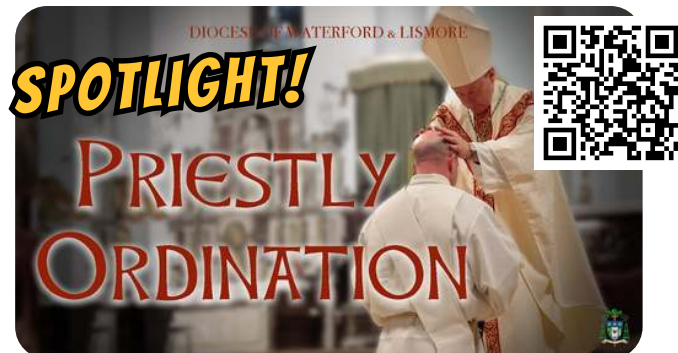


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Year A 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRAYER INTENTION!

For all those who are worried about Christmas because of finances, grief, relationship difficulties or loneliness.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

Take some time over the next few days or weeks to make a good examination of conscience. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you try to remember any areas of your life where you failed in your relationship with God, others or yourself; times where you failed to show love or even deliberately ignored God's will or guidance for your life. Find out when your local church has confessions and decide to go. You can pray for the priest in advance too!

HEAR! Sunday Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

If you don't have a Bible handy, click here to access Sunday Mass Readings!

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PRAY

ACT OF SORROW:

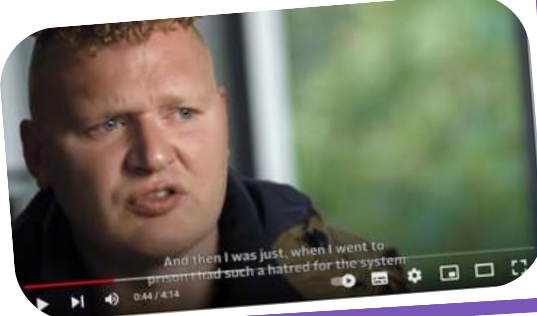
O my God, I thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving You.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen



GROW



ALPHA TESTIMONY SHANE TAYLOR



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WATCH!

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CONFESSION IS A PLACE OF VICTORY



GAMECHANGERS!

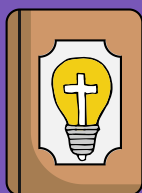


ST JUAN DIEGO
9th December

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



"AM I NOT HERE, I, WHO AM YOUR MOTHER? ARE YOU NOT UNDER MY SHADOW AND PROTECTION? AM I NOT THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY? ARE YOU NOT IN THE HOLLOW OF MY MANTLE, IN THE CROSSING OF MY ARMS? DO YOU NEED ANYTHING MORE? LET NOTHING ELSE WORRY YOU OR DISTURB YOU." OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO



REFLECT

- What was the main message of John the Baptist?
- Describe John's appearance.
- Why did people flock to John the Baptist?
- How did John speak to the Pharisees and Sadducees?
- What reference does he make to Jesus in this passage?
- Why do you think John divided opinion so much through his preaching?



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HIS WORD & MY LIFE!



In this Gospel passage, we hear about Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, who lived a radical and unconventional lifestyle in response to a personal call by God to prepare the way for the Messiah. John understood that a genuine conversion of heart would be necessary to really accept the Messiah' message. He wanted people to repent and believe, to prepare a way for the Messiah.

Can you imagine how someone like John the Baptist would be viewed in today's world? Do you think his message is still relevant today?

In the Catholic tradition, one of the most beautiful and healing sacraments is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. It is a chance to take stock of our lives, see what is going well and not so well, see what is hindering us from drawing close to God and what we need forgiveness for. God's mercy is freely available to us. He doesn't just offer to mend our broken hearts: He puts a new heart in us each time we go to confession, and strengthens us so we can follow the path to Heaven again!

RESPOND!



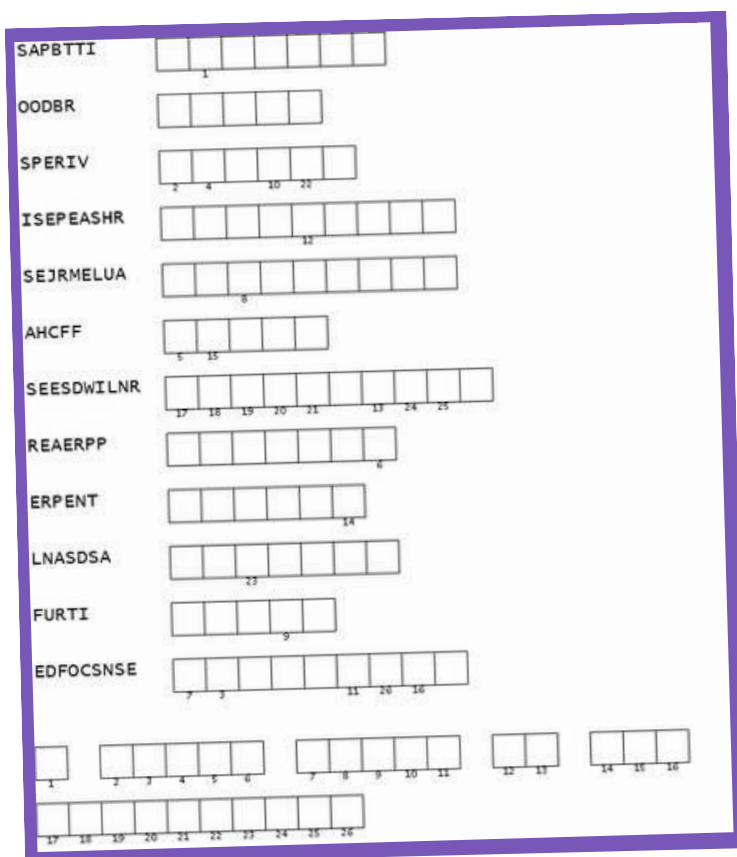
Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

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.



PUZZLE

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO DISCOVER THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL, THEN PIECE TOGETHER THE GOSPEL PHRASE BELOW!



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!

DOODLE PRAYER

"Prepare the way for the Lord."



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