

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.**  
**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**  
**LECTIONARY: YEAR B.**  
**SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021.**

**COLOUR: GREEN.**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: ISIAH: 35: 4-7.    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145: 7-10.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: ST.JAMES: 2: 1-5.    GOSPEL: MARK: 7: 31-37.

THEME: **'HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL'.**

**PRAYER SPACE:** Dear Parents/Guardians, please prepare green tablecloth, candle, crucifix, flowers, Bible[ preferably a children's Bible, Catholic edition] .

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

WHAT DO YOU HEAR IN TODAY'S GOSPEL?

Jesus meets a man who cannot hear, and who has a problem with his speech.

WHAT DOES JESUS DO TO HIM? Jesus takes the man away from the crowd, puts his fingers in the man's ears- and then touches the man's tongue with spittle, He looks up to Heaven- which is how the Bible sometimes tells us that 'Jesus was praying in the moment' and finally says the word, ' EPHPHATHA' which means 'Be opened'.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE MAN FELT?

The man is able to hear and to speak more clearly.

JESUS TELLS THE CROWD NOT TO TELL ANYONE.

But they go around telling everyone.

HOW DID THE CROWD FEEL?

Amazed and happy.

WHAT DID THE CROWD TELL EVERYONE?

‘He has done all things well,’ ‘He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak’.

Can you think of a time when you didn’t listen well to what someone was saying? Perhaps you didn’t think what the other person is saying was important? Sometimes we find it difficult to listen.

Sometimes we find it difficult to speak up- It can be hard to speak out to something we believe in. It is not always easy to speak out for what we believe in, but Jesus asks us to try.

Can you think of a time when you knew you should say something but it was hard to do?

Will you speak out this week for what you know is right? Will you try to stand up for what you believe in even it is difficult?.

In today’s story we see Jesus step away from the noise and busy-ness of the crowd, we see Him take a moment praying to God His Father, and then we see Him healing the man who could not hear or talk.

As we learn from Jesus how to keep paying attention to God, one of the things we learn to do is to keep asking and listening to God for help even in busy moments, just like Jesus did in today’s Gospel story.

## **FAMILY PRAYER.**

Dear Heavenly Father, you care enough for us to give us what we need, and has the wisdom to give us what is best for us in our lives. We trust in your love and care and we live in your presence and protection. From the first moment of our lives you knew and loved us, you are always close to us. Help us to communicate with you in every situation in our lives. We ask this through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **QUOTES TO INSPIRE YOUR KID’S.**

‘KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT AND EASY TO SPEAK, BUT THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY ENDLESS’. Mother Theresa.

## BIBLE QUIZ.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.



1. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?  
Exodus Joel Isaiah Wisdom Ruth Judges.
2. This reading tells to....  
Be afraid---- - not to worry ---- not see---don't be afraid.
3. Where is the second reading from?  
James Hebrews Ephesians Corinthians.
4. From which Gospel is today reading taken from?  
John Luke Mark James.
5. Which of these parables does Jesus use today.  
The lost sheep Jarius daughter Healing of deaf man.
6. What does Ephphatha mean?  
Be closed Be opened Shut
7. In what Sacrament can we find the word Ephphatha?  
Reconciliation Marriage Communion Baptism
8. What did Jesus say to the crowd?  
Go and tell everyone Don't say anything.

**COLOURING PAGE.**



## **'CELEBRATING OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY'**

**WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY.**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September we celebrate the Birth of Our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is a Liturgical Feast Day of the Catholic church. God has chosen Mary before she was born to her very Holy parents, St Joachim and St Ann, to be the mother of His son Jesus. Throughout her life Mary never sinned she was full of Grace and was always a faithful servant of God.

### **HOW TO CELEBRATE MARY'S BIRTHDAY AT HOME:**

Dear Parent's/Guardians please prepare the following Prayer Space.

White or blue tablecloth, statue of Mary or picture, Roses or flowers, candle, Rosary beads.

A special way to show Mary we love her is to pray the Rosary. Please gather the family together and pray a decade of the Rosary.

Decorate the room with white and blue balloons, bake a birthday cake, after praying the Rosary, hold a birthday party for Mary, place birthday candles on cake and sing Happy birthday Mary. Children can make a birthday card and then place it near statue or picture of Mary in the prayer space.

