

Colouring In



Thank you God, for Jesus!

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....

to Mass today.

The Gifts Jesus Brings

3rd Sunday of Advent. Year A.

Have you been using your Advent Calendar to count down the days to Christmas? If you have, you will know that there is only two weeks to go! Have you written to Father Christmas? Have you written all your Christmas cards, and bought all your presents? What present do you want to get this year?

I am sure you will find some lovely gifts under your Christmas tree this year. But if you think about it, no gift made in our world can possibly compare to the gifts which we receive from God, through Jesus.

In today's Gospel reading, we learn that John the Baptist, even though he was in prison, was hearing about all of the wonderful things that Jesus was doing. He sent a message to Jesus by some of his friends. "Ask Jesus if he is the Messiah we have been expecting, or should we continue to watch for someone else?"

When Jesus was asked the question, he answered, "Return to John and tell him what you have seen and heard. You have seen the blind receive their sight, the crippled and lame are able to walk, those with leprosy are being cured, the deaf are able to hear. Even the dead have been raised and the good news is being preached to the poor."

If you were blind, what better gift could you receive than to be able to see? If you were crippled, what better gift could you receive than to be able to walk? If you were dead, what better gift could you receive than the gift of life? Oh, by the way, that last gift I mentioned... the gift of life. That is the real meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to earth to give us life - *eternal* life!

Goodness me... What a gift! He must really love us *very* much!

Decoder Puzzle



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.

Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words:

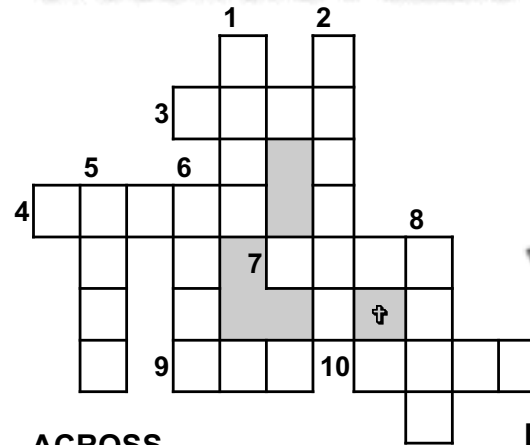
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 11-1-1-8 _____
- 26-16-24-25 _____
- 20-23-16-18 _____
- 8-23-16-8 _____
- 5-23-26-2 _____
- 2-10-11-20-9 _____
- 18-16-10-2-23-8 _____
- 24-16-3-23 _____
- 8-23-16-14 _____
- 15-24-10-5-8 _____

Dead	Walk	Sight	Good	News
Raised	Hear	Deaf	Lame	Blind

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears
4. Unable to see
7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

DOWN

1. Not living
2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
6. Information or reports about recent events
8. Unable to hear

Deaf	See	News	Good	Walk
Hear	Dead	Blind	Prison	Lame

Children's Prayer

Dear heavenly Father. All the best gifts in life come from you... Your greatest gift is eternal life, brought down to us through your Son, Jesus. Thank you for being so generous with your gifts and love! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

