

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020

32ND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Talk to Jesus, giving him anything that is worrying you.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

## COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



## FIRST READING WISDOM 6:12-16

Not everyone is wise. People who are wise have a lot of common sense but also have deep understanding and insight. This book was written to teach young Jewish men who want to live as God asks.

Here they are given the hope that those who are genuinely looking for wisdom will find it. God will bless people who want to do what is right and good and will help them to understand the world and other people.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Those who are genuinely looking will find wisdom.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



## SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

The first Christians thought Jesus was going to come back very soon and take them to heaven. But people were dying, Jesus hadn't returned and the Thessalonians were worrying about what this meant. Paul's message

to them can help us too. Although we will be sad when someone dies, we can find comfort in the hope of heaven. Our hope comes from our faith in Jesus. We may not know exactly how, but Jesus died and rose again, and so will we.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We have the hope of life in heaven because of Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today is **Remembrance Day**. We remember all those who have suffered and died in war. Money from the sale of **poppies** goes to **help people** whose lives have been changed by the injuries they received because of war. A red poppy is a symbol of both **remembrance** and **hope** for a peaceful future.



## THINK

We are all invited to join **Jesus' party** and enjoy life with him now and, eventually, in heaven. If we are wise we will be ready to **welcome Jesus** into our lives. Following Jesus and putting love at the centre of our lives is what will make us **truly happy**.



## GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Matthew.

Bridesmaids are needed in this traditional wedding to greet the bridegroom and take him in procession to meet his bride. Five of the bridesmaids are wise. They have their lamps ready and some spare oil, just in case. Unfortunately five of the bridesmaids are foolish. Although they have their lamps, they are not prepared and have no spare oil. Inevitably, when the bridegroom is later than expected, the lamps of the foolish bridesmaids have gone out. Instead of escorting the bridegroom to the wedding, they have to go to buy more oil. If we're prepared, we can enjoy the party!

### STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

Light a candle and say a prayer for anyone you know who needs prayers because they are sad or unwell. If you don't know anyone particular, offer up a prayer asking God to decide who needs help.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about all the people who are preparing to get married. Be with them as they plan the wedding and for the rest of their lives. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time when you weren't properly prepared this week and then think of a time when you had everything ready on time.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.



## ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to enjoy life with you. Help me to share the joy of your love with others. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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