

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Think about all the times you have been happy so far this week.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

## COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us...



## FIRST READING ACTS 1:15-17. 20-26

Someone needs to take Judas' place now he is no longer with the apostles. Peter suggests they need to choose someone who has been with them from the start, when Jesus was baptised, right up to his death and resurrection. This

new apostle will be an eye witness and be able to talk from first hand experience. After two candidates are nominated, the apostles pray for guidance. Matthias is chosen by lot and is now listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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

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

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The apostles choose Judas' replacement.

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

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. If we live in love we live in God, and God lives in us.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 102

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.  
Or Alleluia!



## SECOND READING 1 JOHN 4:11-16

Since God loves us so much, we should love each other. If we live in love, God will live in us and we will grow to be even more loving. We have all been given God's Spirit, to help us to be loving in our daily

lives. Love isn't always easy. Thinking about other people's needs can be hard work, but the Holy Spirit will give us the courage and determination we need. God loves us, so we can love everyone else!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today is World Communications Day. There are so many amazing ways we can communicate these days and we want to use the media well to share the Good News about God's love. How could you use the internet in a positive way today?



## THINK

Jesus wants us to be happy. Perhaps your parish already helps you to have fun with your friends. If not, maybe you can suggest ways you can get together to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better.





## GOSPEL JOHN 17:11-19

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

When Jesus was with his friends he was able to help them. He kept them safe and took care of them. Now that he is going back to his Father in heaven, Jesus is praying for his friends. Jesus wants to share his happiness with all his friends. He knows that it

will not be easy for the disciples when he has gone, but he also knows that God the Father will look after his friends. If we trust God we will become even more like Jesus and we will share in his happiness. Trusting in God's love will give us real joy.

### STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"God is love."

Thank you, Lord, for showing yourself to me through all the people in my life. Thank you for letting me know what love is like, and for helping me to get know you better. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone who uses social media. Help us to use it well and never in a way that will hurt other people. Lord, hear my prayer.

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



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were sad and then think about a time when you were full of joy.

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.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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 showing me the meaning of real love. Help me to share your love with my friends and family. Amen.



# 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)

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

Go in peace.

