

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2021

12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Tell Jesus about anything that may be worrying you - trust him!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

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

COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love...

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



FIRST READING JOB 38:1. 8-11

Do people only have
faith because they have
happy lives? Can God be
real if good people suffer?
The book of Job explores
these big questions. Job
is a good man who loses
his family, his wealth and
even his health. His friends

try to give him clever
answers to explain his
suffering. Nothing helps
and Job is very angry
with God. Yet, it is in his
suffering that Job meets
God and knows for the
first time that God really
is with him.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Job meets God in
his suffering.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 106

O give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures for ever.

Or Alleluia!

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



SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

Jesus loves us all very
much. By giving his life
for us, Jesus has shown
us just how much we
matter. Now we have
new life and hope. We
know that good can
come out of anything
bad. Jesus died and

rose again. The disciples
know that Jesus'
resurrection changed
him and that we are also
changed because of it.
We have seen what real
love is and now we want
to live in the same way,
putting other people first.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Jesus' love makes
us all new!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Not many saints have
two feast days, but on
Thursday 24 June we
celebrate **The Nativity
of St John the Baptist**
and sometimes the
anniversary of his death
is celebrated too. John
the Baptist came to
prepare the way for
Jesus and challenges us
all to **trust in God**.



THINK

When God gave us life,
**God gave us a very special
gift.** From the moment
our lives begin to the
moment we die, our lives
are blessed. We want to
**value every single human
being and treat them with
respect,** because they are
also a gift from God.



GOSPEL MARK 4:35-41

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

Imagine getting into the boat with Jesus and the disciples to go to the other side of the Lake. Suddenly you are in the middle of a storm. The wind is howling and the waves breaking into the boat so that you are afraid it will sink. Where is Jesus when you need

him? Then you see him – asleep, with his head on a cushion! Jesus tells the wind and waves to be quiet. The storm drops and all is calm. You are amazed at Jesus' power! Jesus asks, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?"

◀ **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?



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about anyone who is living in what feels like a storm at the moment. Help them to trust in you and to have faith. Take away their fear. 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 about a time when you were anxious or worried this week and then think about a time when you were calm and confident that everything is going to be all right.

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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 always being there for me. Help me to trust you and know you are looking after me, even when it seems as though you are not there. Amen.



PRAY

"Quiet now! Be calm!"

Use your imagination to pray. Put yourself into the Gospel story. Trust Jesus to calm the storms in your life. Know that he is always with you.



DO

Take special notice of the weather this week – go for a walk and feel the wind, the sun or the rain.



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.

