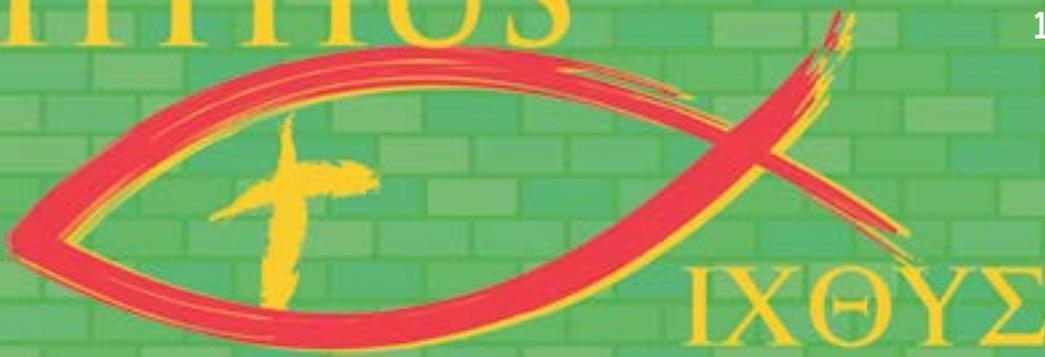


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SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021

13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Are you wide awake? Be really aware of everything and everyone around you.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth...

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



FIRST READING WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God does not want us to suffer. God is good and everything God makes is good. Although bad things, like death, are part of life, God does not enjoy seeing people in any kind of pain. God made us for

life. God wants us all to be healthy and to be able to live life to the full. We are made in God's image, to share in God's love. We will be able to enjoy life now and forever by following God's ways.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Our good God made us for life.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 29

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.



SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7. 9. 13-15

Following Jesus means giving to other people. Just like Jesus we want to share our faith, our enthusiasm and our love. We also need to share our money too. If someone is in need, we have a duty to help.

However, we need to strike a balance. We are not asked to give so much that we have nothing left for ourselves. As Christians, our aim is to make sure that no one has too much while other people go hungry.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Be generous to others, but balance your own needs too.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

On Tuesday 29 June we celebrate the feast of **Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles**. These apostles were very different men with very different ideas about what it meant to be a Christian. However, their **faith in Jesus** inspired them to work together for the good of the community. They both **grew in their understanding** of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and we can too!



THINK

It's easy to take our health for granted. When we are ill, however, we remember just how **good it is to be well!** Perhaps we can **look after ourselves** today by making **healthy food choices** and enjoying some fresh air.



GOSPEL MARK 5:21-43

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

When Jairus' daughter becomes ill, he turns to Jesus in his desperation. News about Jesus has spread and crowds of people have come and are pressing all around him. One sick woman knows that even if she touches Jesus' cloak she will be healed. While Jesus is speaking to her,

messengers come to tell Jairus not to bother Jesus any more. Jairus' daughter has already died. When he hears this news, Jesus reassures everyone saying "Do not be afraid; only have faith." Arriving at the house Jesus takes the little girl's hand and tells her to get up. And Jairus' daughter gets up, healed!

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?

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.

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

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

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



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I want to pray for anyone who has a sick child. Please be with them in their pain and give them comfort. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you might not have felt well and then remember the times you were full of energy and bursting with health.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



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?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and for giving me life. Help me to appreciate all that I have been given, especially my health. 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.



PRAY

"I tell you to get up."

God wants us to live as fully as possible. Pray today by going for a walk outside. Be really aware of everything you can see, hear, touch and feel. Thank God for being alive!



DO

Can you give away something you no longer need, to help someone who doesn't have as much?



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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