

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Thank God for the beautiful things you have seen and heard on your way to church.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

## COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured...

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



## FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2. 6-8

Here Moses reminds the people of the great gift that they have in the Law. God has given his rules to the people to help them to get on well with God and with each other. God's Law is central to the Jewish people

and how they live. The Law is their side of their covenant agreement with God. No other tribes have such an amazing gift. Keeping God's rules will show everyone how wise and good and special God's people are.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Moses reminds the people what a special gift God's Law is.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

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



## SECOND READING JAMES 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

God has given us everything that is good. We have all been chosen to be God's children and are loved very much. But James writes that we must listen to God's word and act on it. It is easy to sit back and think how

lovely God's message is. However, God's words have to make a difference to how we live. God will be pleased if we put our faith into action. True religion is about helping people who are in need.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Real religion puts words into action.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Wednesday 1 September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, or letter, *Laudato Si'*, which he wrote to everyone in the world asking us all to care for the earth, our common home. How will we make this day special?



## THINK

A hypocrite is someone who says they think or believe one thing, but their actions say the opposite. Jesus accuses some religious leaders in today's Gospel of being hypocrites. Let's think for a moment about ourselves. Do we always do what we say we believe is important?



## GOSPEL MARK 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

Respect for God's Law meant that lots of traditions had developed by Jesus' time, to help people keep God's rules. Some religious leaders notice that Jesus' friends are not following all the usual traditions. Instead of washing their hands in a particular way before eating, Jesus' disciples were ignoring some of

these rituals. The leaders question Jesus about his friends' behaviour. Jesus explains that traditions on their own are meaningless. Really loving God, not just making it look as though we're doing what's right, is what matters. Having a clean, loving heart is even more important than having clean hands.

### 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

Go for a walk and enjoy all the beautiful trees and flowers. Be really aware of all the sounds and smells around you. Notice the sky and the weather - and be thankful.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone who is working to stop climate change. Help us all to make a difference to our world by reducing, reusing and recycling. 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 didn't do what you were supposed to and then think about a time when you made a choice to do the right thing.

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 loving me and for being my friend. Help me to be a good friend to you and to share your love with the people I meet. 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.

