

# ICHTHUS

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24TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

Ask Jesus to help you to get to know him even better today.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

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

## COLLECT

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart...

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



## FIRST READING ISAIAH 50:5-9

It is not clear if this mysterious suffering servant is an actual person or an ideal faithful servant who represents all of God's people. Although innocent, he is mistreated and insulted. Yet the suffering servant does not despair

and give up. He does not retaliate and fight back. He trusts in God and waits. All through his unfair treatment the suffering servant is confident that God is with him and will rescue him. And we can enjoy that same hope in God.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The suffering servant knows that God is on his side and is coming to help.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 114

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

Or Alleluia!

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



## SECOND READING JAMES 2:14-18

It is just not possible to say we believe in God, but do nothing to help the people around us. It is no use saying that we wish people had enough to eat and warm clothes to wear, but then do

nothing to provide food and clothes for people in need. James even goes as far as saying that faith without good deeds is useless. If we say we believe in God, we must put our faith into action.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Faith without good works is dead.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today in England and Wales the Church is celebrating **Education Day**. Sometimes we really wish we didn't have to go to school... but today we thank God for our education! We remember that we are really **blessed to be able to learn** and that we have caring teachers, warm schools, books to read and to write in and friends who help us get **involved in school life**.



## THINK

Jesus can always **surprise us**. Every time we hear a story about Jesus we can **grow in our understanding** of who he is. Jesus can help us to **learn more about ourselves** as we learn more about him too.





## GOSPEL MARK 8:27-35

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

Jesus needs some feedback. What are people saying about him? What do his friends understand about who he is? It seems that the local people know that Jesus is a prophet, bringing us God's message. Peter has the deeper understanding that Jesus is the Messiah.

But Peter's idea of the promised Messiah is not Jesus' idea of leadership. God's ways are not our ways. Jesus is going have to suffer and die. If we follow Jesus, we will also have to give things up. However, we know that, just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will have new life.

### 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

Take a moment to be quiet with Jesus. Hear him saying to you "Who do you say I am?" How will you respond? Give yourself time to have a conversation with Jesus in your heart.



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please help us to value our education and make the most of the opportunities we are given. Help us to appreciate all the people who keep our schools running, enabling us to learn. 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 this week when you were thoughtless and then think about another time when you showed your care for someone with a kind deed.

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 precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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 a different way to live. Thank you for putting your love for me into action and for always being there for me. 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.

