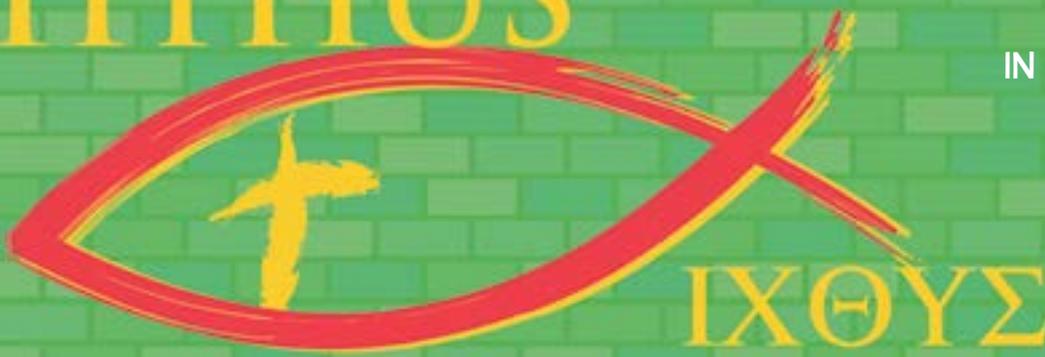


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SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me here today.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven...



FIRST READING NUMBERS 11:25-29

Joshua, who has been Moses' helper since he was young, is very concerned. Two men, Eldad and Medad, have received God's spirit and are prophesying. Joshua is worried that they are speaking on behalf of God. Moses is the special

leader God has chosen and Joshua does not want anyone else taking his place. Moses reassures Joshua. He is not worried at all. In fact, Moses tells Joshua that he wishes everyone could receive God's spirit and speak for God as a prophet.

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. God's spirit inspires prophets to speak to the people.

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. Money and wealth on earth will not last.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 18

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.



SECOND READING JAMES 5:1-6

James has a harsh message for people who are greedy and think too much about their money. They will be sorry that they focused too much on living a life of luxury. Their money could have been used to help people in need.

Instead, some people have become rich because of the way they have mistreated those who work for them, paying them badly and ignoring their terrible working conditions. Money and fine clothes will not last, but love will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

Wednesday 29 September is the feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. Each of these angels tells us about God. Michael defends God and battles against evil, Gabriel brings the good news that God will become human as the baby Jesus and Raphael guides Tobit along the right path. Angels will help us all too.



THINK

God wants us to make sure that all workers are treated fairly. Cheap clothes are sometimes made by companies who don't pay their workers properly so that they can make more money. We can help by finding out where our clothes come from and by spending a little more, perhaps less often, on fashion items.





GOSPEL MARK 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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

Jesus is not too worried about whether someone belongs to the "right" group of believers or not. As long as people are doing good and helping others, Jesus is happy. His disciples are concerned that someone who isn't part of their group is performing miracles in Jesus name. Jesus tells

them not to worry. Anyone who is helping others is doing what God wants. What should worry us is whether or not we are stopping someone from having faith. We need to encourage anyone who believes in God and work with them to live as God asks.

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?

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.



PRAY

Jesus, I am on your side. Thank you for always being on my side and standing with me, whether things are going well or not. Amen.



DO

Offer to bring or make someone else a drink at least once every day this week.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please help us to be open to other groups of believers. Help us all to work together to make the world a kinder, fairer place. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were a bit mean and unkind and then think about some of the times when you were kind and thoughtful.

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

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Help me to share your love with others in the small acts of kindness I will carry out today. 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.



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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