

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

27TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



Year B

Welcome everyone into church today, perhaps by giving out the books.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

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

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask...

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



## FIRST READING GENESIS 2:18-24

This story from the first book in the Bible explains that God does not want people to be lonely. The animals are all named by the man, who now has responsibility to look after them and take care of them. They are not enough to keep

the man company though. He needs someone like himself, so that they can work together and help each other. God makes the woman. Both the man and the woman are gifts from God, and they belong together.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God has made people to be friends with each other and look after each other.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 127

May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our life.

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



## SECOND READING HEBREWS 2:9-11

God wants everyone to be close to him. God sent Jesus so that all human beings can have a good relationship with God. Human beings turned away from God, but Jesus came to put everything right. Jesus became

one of us so that we can enjoy God's glory. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection mean that we can share his life and love. We are part of the same human family and are all brothers and sisters of Jesus.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Jesus became a human being, so that human beings could become closer to God.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Catholic Christians know God made the world, but do not believe that the accounts in Genesis tell us exactly how God created it. We believe these stories tell us why we are here and how much God loves us. One important truth we learn is that God does not want people to be lonely. Marriage is a gift from God and a way for us to show God's love to the world.



## THINK

Jesus wants the children to come to him, even though the disciples think they are a nuisance. Jesus loves especially anyone who is ignored and overlooked by other people. What great news!



## GOSPEL MARK 10:2-16

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

People were often questioning Jesus. They worried that his teaching might be different from their understanding about God. Here, some religious leaders ask Jesus about marriage. They want to see if he is following Moses' teaching. Jesus explains that God created people to love each other and live together

in marriage. Marriage is a gift from God. A small child might be overlooked and ignored, but even unimportant people can understand what is important in life. Love is at the heart of God's kingdom and what we hope marriage shows to the world. We come close to Jesus when we love other people.

### 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

**"Then he put his arms around them..."**

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. I can feel your love wrapping me up and keeping me safe. Help me to remember your blessing if other people are ignoring me.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are finding it hard to be married. Please help them to find the practical support and understanding they need. 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 sad and then another time when you were really happy and full of joy. 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

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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 welcoming me and calling me closer to you. Help me to respond to you with an open and loving heart. Amen.



## IXΘΥΣ

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.

