

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021

28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Take a moment to be quiet, to get ready to listen to God's word.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works...

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



FIRST READING WISDOM 7:7-11

The author prayed and was given the gift of wisdom from God. Wisdom is a deep insight or understanding. When someone is wise they know what is important in life and can see beyond the nonsense that worries most of us. Real wisdom is truly valuable. It is worth more than any riches, thrones and jewels, silver or gold. Wisdom is loved more than health or beauty and is preferred to the light. Good things come to people who are wise.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Wisdom comes from God and is priceless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 89

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 4:12-13

God speaks to us through the words in the Bible. God has inspired the writers of scripture and God will speak to us today through the words they wrote down. When we are really open to hearing God's message it will affect us deeply. God's words cut through the unimportant parts of life and get to the heart of what matters. God's word in the Bible can help us to really look hard at ourselves and help us grow closer to God.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God's word is alive and active.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

This is **Prisons Week** when we pray for everyone affected by **prisons**: prisoners and their families and the victims of crime. We pray for the police, lawyers, prison officers, prison chaplains and the people who care for those affected by crime.



THINK

Jesus looks at the young man in the Gospel with **love** when he challenges him to put God first in his life. **Real love will challenge us too.** We may be asked to **give things up**, to show **real love and care** for someone. Perhaps you know someone who is a **young carer** and who spends time and energy looking after a family member.



GOSPEL MARK 10:17-30

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

The young man who runs up to Jesus really wants to know how he can get to heaven. Kneeling in front of Jesus, the young man tells him that he has always kept God's commandments. Then there is just one thing the young man needs to do, Jesus tells him. Sell

everything and give the money to people who are in need. The young man goes away sad because he is unable to give away his riches. Jesus knows how hard it is for us to put God first, but he loves us and knows that God will help us.

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

"Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him"

Take a moment to be still with Jesus. Let him look at you with love. Feel Jesus' love. Know that he is always with you.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are suffering because of crime. I especially want to pray for the children of anyone who is in prison. Be with them. 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 did something you knew was wrong and then think about some of the good, positive choices you made.

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

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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 - even when I don't do what I know is right. Thank you for being patient with 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.

