

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020

12TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Take a moment to be still and thank Jesus for being here with you.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

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

## COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love...

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



## FIRST READING JEREMIAH 20:10-13

Jeremiah has a really hard time. Even his friends have turned against him and are making his life miserable. But Jeremiah has faith in God. He knows God is with him and that nothing else matters. God is fair and God will not let the wicked people win in the end. Jeremiah praises and thanks God. Nothing can take away his trust in God. God is on his side and will not let him down.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
God will save those  
who are in need.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 68

In your great love, answer me, O God.

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



## SECOND READING ROMANS 5:12-15

God made a perfect world, but human beings made a mess of it. Human beings turned away from God and as a result brought suffering and evil into the world. Paul writes that it is through Jesus that all this mess has been put right. God became human in the person of Jesus, and his death and resurrection has overcome all evil and suffering. Jesus' love outweighs any wrongdoing. Jesus has given everyone the hope of life with God.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Jesus' love has put  
right our relationship  
with God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Wednesday 24 June  
is the feast of **The Nativity of St John the Baptist**. John was Jesus' cousin. He leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary visited her while pregnant with Jesus. When he grew up, John helped everyone to get ready to meet Jesus. On his feast day we think about how **we will welcome Jesus into our lives**.



## THINK

Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but many people do feel afraid and anxious. It is always good to **tell someone you trust** if anything is worrying you. Whatever happens, we can be confident that **God loves us very much and is always with us, standing by our side**.



## GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:26-33

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

God loves each one of us so very much. We have no need to ever be afraid. Nothing can ever take us away from God's love. Sparrows could be bought very cheaply in Jesus' time and were thought to be unimportant. But Jesus tells his friends that God

the Father keeps an eye on each one – and we are so much more important than sparrows! God knows us so well and loves us so much that God even knows how many hairs we have. In the end it is God's love that will win out over anything that is wrong.

◀ **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

**"Do not be afraid."**

Sit somewhere quietly with Jesus. Talk to Jesus about anything that is on your mind. Hear Jesus saying these words from the Gospel directly to you.



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please help anyone who is facing a difficult time in their lives. Help them to have courage and hope and to find the support 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 of a time when you felt anxious or worried this week and then think of a time when you were happy and full of hope. 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

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

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 giving me yourself in Holy Communion. Stand with me this week as I try to do what is right. 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.

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