

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021

32ND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Thank you, Lord, for all the good things in my life!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

## COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours...

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



## FIRST READING 1 KINGS 17:10-16

What a dreadful situation this poor widow is in. She is gathering wood for the fire to cook the last meal she can provide for herself and her son. They have nothing left and she sees no future for them. Yet, when the

prophet Elijah asks her for food, she shares what she has. Elijah knows that God will look after them, even though there seems no way out. All they need to do is trust in God – and everyone has all they need!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. A generous widow is rewarded.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord.  
Or Alleluia!



## SECOND READING HEBREWS 9:24-28

Jesus gave his life so that we all know that we are loved by God. Jesus showed us that real love will involve sacrifice. Although one of us, Jesus is not like other high priests who had to offer sacrifices every year on

behalf of the people. Jesus made one huge sacrifice, when he gave up his life. Now no one needs to worry about any other sacrifices. Everyone can enjoy life with God. All we need to do is to trust Jesus.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Jesus' death and resurrection brings hope to us all.



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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!



## DO YOU KNOW?

A **widow** is someone whose **husband has died**. Although all widows need support, in Jesus' time life was even harder for widows than today. Without a husband to go to work, widows usually had very little money to feed their families. We learn from the two widows in today's readings that **even when life is hard, we can all trust in God**.



## THINK

We might feel small and unimportant, but we can all be **generous**. Each of us can **give our time and love** to other people. Even if no one else notices, Jesus will!



## GOSPEL MARK 12:38-44

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

Even in Jesus' time people were interested in wearing fashionable clothes and looking important. Just like today, there were those who treated other people badly, while making a show of appearing to be good. Jesus contrasts their behaviour with a poor widow going to the Temple. She gives

everything she has to God, trusting that God will look after her. The poor widow does not pretend to be anything she is not. She is nothing like the rich men who are only concerned with image. External success is not important – a loving and generous heart is what matters.

#### STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?

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

Mother Teresa said, "not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Help me, Lord, to do small things with love today. Amen.



#### DO

Find out what you can do to help your local food bank, or another organisation helping people who are hungry.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is struggling to feed their family. Help us all to be generous as we contribute to food banks and work to get rid of poverty. Lord, hear my prayer.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any sad times this week and then think about a time when you were hopeful and happy.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to put all my trust in you and to love other people generously. 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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