

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

Year C



What good news are you thankful for today?



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed...



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.



## FIRST READING ACTS 5:12-16

The Portico of Solomon is the place Jesus' followers have arranged to regularly get together. Other people are wary about joining them, but the apostles' praise of God is so loud that they hear about Jesus anyway. Bit by bit people come

to believe in Jesus. There are so many miracles that people lie their sick friends and relatives on the street near the apostles, hoping they too will be healed. Even Peter's shadow brings healing. God is working great signs and wonders!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Gradually, the number of people following Jesus increased.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



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



## SECOND READING APOCALYPSE 1:9-13, 17-19

John begins this last book of the New Testament by introducing himself. He is a Christian who has been exiled to the island of Patmos because of his faith. Like many early Christians, and even some today, John

suffered for his belief in Jesus. But John is blessed with visions about the hope that Jesus brings and writes them down in code in this book. John's reason for writing is Jesus, risen from the dead and alive with us forever.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus appears to John and asks him to write down his visions.

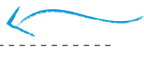


We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!



## DO YOU KNOW?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports Catholics and other Christians around the world who are suffering today because of their faith. Perhaps you have already been involved in #RedWednesday or other fundraising events? Find out more @acnuk.org.



## THINK

Monday 25 April is the feast of St Mark, Evangelist. It is thought that his Gospel is the first to be written down. It gave hope to the first Christians who were suffering and dying for their faith in Jesus. The word evangelist comes from the Greek word euangelion meaning "gospel" or "good news." All of us are called to be evangelists, spreading the good news about Jesus!



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

The disciples are so sad and scared that they have locked themselves in an upper room. Imagine their surprise when Jesus appears among them bringing his peace! No wonder Thomas finds it hard to believe their story when he returns to the upper room! Thomas says that unless he actually sees

Jesus' wounds, he cannot believe Jesus is alive. Eight days later, when Jesus visits the disciples again, Thomas is there. Jesus offers Thomas his hands and his side, inviting him to believe. Now Thomas knows. It really is Jesus, risen from the dead! No one needs to be sad or scared anymore.

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

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



PRAY

"Look, here are my hands."

Thank you, Jesus, for your love and patience. You helped Thomas to believe. Help me to believe too please. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is suffering for their faith today. Help us to keep them in our hearts and support them in any way we can. 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 any time this week when you were complaining and then think about a time when you were thankful for something good that happened.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 being with me when things are not going well. Thank you for giving me hope and support. 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.

