

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Say a little prayer for anyone you know who is not well.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured...

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



FIRST READING JEREMIAH 20:7-9

Speaking on God's behalf has really caused Jeremiah to suffer. He says he is a "daily laughing stock". People insult him and make his life really miserable, but he has no option. Jeremiah loves God so much he is

going to continue to do God's work. It is almost as though there is a fire in his heart. He has tried to shut out God, but he can't. Jeremiah is frustrated, but loves God too much and can't ignore what God is asking him.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Doing God's work has caused Jeremiah to suffer, but he loves God so much he has no option.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 62

For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.

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



SECOND READING ROMANS 12:1-2

God loves us! We can never thank God enough for God's love and kindness. Let's praise and worship God by offering ourselves to God. We can show how thankful by are by following Jesus and trying to love

other people as he did. Although we will suffer a little, this shows that we really are putting other people first. Let's not copy the bad behaviour of some people around us. Let's copy Jesus and then we will be living as God asks.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Follow Jesus, even if it costs you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Tuesday 1 September is the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. Pope Francis asks us to reflect, pray and remind ourselves how important it is that we look after our wonderful world. **How will you be an even better steward of creation?**



THINK

If we are going to run a race we have to train, and it's **not always easy**, but the pain is worth it because we will run faster in the end. In a similar way, the suffering we have to face in life can help us **grow to be better, kinder, more understanding people**.



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

Simon Peter is horrified when he hears Jesus talking about the suffering and death he is going to face. He starts to argue with Jesus, trying to persuade him it doesn't have to happen this way. Jesus is tempted, but he knows that he can't take the easy way out. We may

not understand the suffering we have to face, but God's ways are not our ways. Jesus knows that doing what God asks will cause suffering, but that through that pain we will find meaning. Good will come out of something that seems completely bad. Life will come from Jesus' death.

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

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you."

Sit quietly with Jesus. Say this prayer gently over and over again. Give to Jesus anything that is worrying you and feel his love.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about anyone who has to live with pain. Please let them find the hope and courage they need to cope with daily life. 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 of a time this week when you were selfish and then think of a time when you put other people before yourself. 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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 suffering and dying so that I can know your love and have life. Help me to learn from you and put other people before myself. 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.

