

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Welcome everyone into church, just as if you are welcoming Jesus.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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

## COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you...

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



## FIRST READING LEVITICUS 13:1-2. 44-46

We all know how worrying  
infectious illnesses are.  
Everything changed for  
us because of Covid-19.  
Anyone who thought  
they had Coronavirus  
was asked to isolate  
themselves so that they  
didn't pass it onto anyone

else. In this reading  
we hear how God was  
giving similar rules to  
the Israelites. In order to  
keep the majority of the  
tribe safe, the person with  
the illness, in this case  
leprosy, is to live apart  
from everyone else.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
God give rules about  
how to deal with  
diseases to Moses  
and Aaron.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 31

You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

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



## SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 - 11:1

Everything we do can  
give glory to God. We  
can praise and thank  
God by the way we live,  
just as much as what  
we say. Our whole lives  
can be a prayer. Jesus  
put other people before

himself and if we try to  
copy him then we will  
be living as God asks.  
Paul says that is what he  
is doing. If, like Paul, we  
follow Jesus and make  
him our role model, we  
will please God.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Paul suggests people  
model themselves on  
him, as he is trying  
to be like Jesus.



## 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?

17 February this week is  
**Ash Wednesday**. We will  
be marked with crosses  
made out of ash on our  
foreheads. The ashes are  
made from the **palm leaves**  
from last Palm Sunday.  
On Ash Wednesday we  
**start our journey through**  
**Lent**. How will you try to  
become **more like Jesus**  
this Lent?



## THINK

Today is **Valentine's Day**  
when we send cards to the  
**people we love**. Think about  
all the ways your family and  
friends show you **every day**  
how much **they love you**.  
**Thank God**, and think about  
how you are going to **show**  
**your love for others** today.



## GOSPEL MARK 1:40-45

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

As we heard in our first reading, anyone with the infectious disease leprosy was unable to live with everyone else. There was no cure for leprosy in Jesus' time, so the leper we hear about today must have been desperate. Not only is he very ill, he is unable to be with his family and

friends. However, the leper knows that Jesus can help him. He kneels before Jesus and pleads for healing. Of course Jesus wants to make the man well! Jesus reaches out and touches the leper, who is immediately cured. Nothing can stop the healed man spreading his good news!

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

"If you want to... you can cure me".

Pray using this phrase from today's Gospel. Say these words to Jesus and tell him about the things that you need help with. Hear Jesus say these words to you, "Of course I want to!" "Be cured!"

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.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all those who are suffering because of the effects of illness. Let them know your healing love. Lord, hear my prayer.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time when you felt you wanted to be on your own this week, and then think about when you were happy to be with other people.

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.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for always being ready to help and heal us. Help me to reach out to others, just as you reach out and love me. 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)



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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