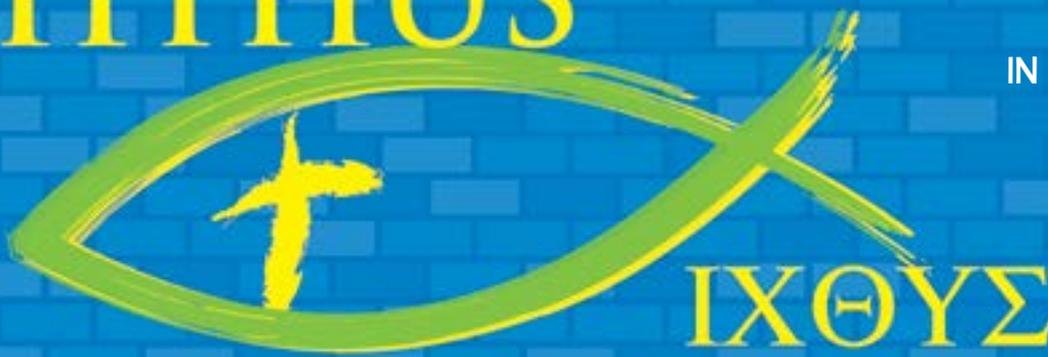


# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

29TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Kneel down as you say "hello" to God today, to show how great you think God is.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart...

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



## FIRST READING ISAIAH 45:1.4-6

No one liked Cyrus. He was the king of Persia where the Israelites were living in exile after they had been forced out of their homeland. Yet here Isaiah tells us that it is Cyrus who will do God's work. Cyrus doesn't even know God's name, but

God chooses Cyrus. God is more powerful than Cyrus and his gods and the Persian army. God will work through the most unexpected people, in the most unexpected places. Maybe God will surprise us too.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God works in ways we don't expect and through people we may not even like.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 95

Give the Lord glory and power.

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



## SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

Thessalonica is one of the places where Paul had travelled, telling people about Jesus. He had left behind some good friends there. Now he is writing to them to encourage them as they try to follow Jesus

and put God's love into action. In a way, this is a "thank you" letter. Paul is thanking his friends for the way they have carried on believing and hoping in God, even when life has been really hard.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Paul is writing to his friends in Thessalonica.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You will shine in the world like bright stars  
because you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today is **World Mission Day**. Catholics all over the world come together on this special day to support mission. Through our **prayers and fundraising** we help missionaries to **spread Jesus' message of love and hope** for everyone. **Missio** is the Pope's charity for world mission - you might like to look them up at the Mission Together website: [missiontogether.org.uk](http://missiontogether.org.uk).



## THINK

The religious leaders didn't like Jesus and what he was doing. They were worried, because he seemed to be going against everything they had been taught about God. Jesus had a **new way of looking at life**. Perhaps we should be ready to look at the world in **new ways** too.



## GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:15-21

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

The religious leaders want to stop Jesus, so they come up with a plan and ask Jesus about taxes. They think that Jesus can't win, whatever he says will upset people. To many Jewish people, giving money to the Romans was like saying that the emperor is more important

than God. But refusing to pay taxes would get the Jews into real trouble with the Romans. Jesus is too clever for them. Showing them a coin with the emperor's head on it, Jesus tells the people to give back to Caesar what is his and to give to God what belongs to God.

### 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?



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am would like to pray for missionaries who are spreading the Good News all over the world. Help us all to share Jesus' love by what we say and by what we do. 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 when you were struggling with something this week and then think of a time when everything fell into place and worked out well.

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

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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 getting involved in the world and my life. Thank you for keeping me going when I am struggling and for always being with me. Amen.



PRAY

### Mission Together

May all children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship and live  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever. Amen



DO

Write a "thank you" letter or card for someone who has done something kind for you.



# 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:  
# (Jesus)  
} (Christos)  
o (Theou/God's)  
{ (Uios/Son)  
ψ (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.

