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SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me here today.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven...

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.



DO YOU KNOW?

Wednesday 29 September
is the feast of Ss Michael,
Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels. Each of these
angels tells us about God.
Michael defends God and
battles against evil, Gabriel
brings the good news that
God will become human
as the baby Jesus and
Raphael guides Tobit along
the right path. Angels will
help us all too.



FIRST READING NUMBERS 11:25-29

Joshua, who has been
Moses' helper since
he was young, is very
concerned. Two men,
Eldad and Medad, have
received God's spirit and
are prophesying. Joshua
is worried that they are
speaking on behalf of
God. Moses is the special

leader God has chosen
and Joshua does not want
anyone else taking his
place. Moses reassures
Joshua. He is not worried
at all. In fact, Moses tells
Joshua that he wishes
everyone could receive
God's spirit and speak for
God as a prophet.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God's spirit inspires
prophets to speak to
the people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 18

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.



SECOND READING JAMES 5:1-6

James has a harsh
message for people who
are greedy and think too
much about their money.
They will be sorry that they
focused too much on living
a life of luxury. Their money
could have been used
to help people in need.

Instead, some people have
become rich because
of the way they have
mistreated those who work
for them, paying them
badly and ignoring their
terrible working conditions.
Money and fine clothes will
not last, but love will.

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

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Money and wealth on
earth will not last.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

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



THINK

God wants us to make
sure that all workers are
treated fairly. Cheap
clothes are sometimes
made by companies who
don't pay their workers
properly so that they can
make more money. We can
help by finding out where
our clothes come from
and by spending a little
more, perhaps less often,
on fashion items.



GOSPEL MARK 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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

Jesus is not too worried about whether someone belongs to the "right" group of believers or not. As long as people are doing good and helping others, Jesus is happy. His disciples are concerned that someone who isn't part of their group is performing miracles in Jesus name. Jesus tells

them not to worry. Anyone who is helping others is doing what God wants. What should worry us is whether or not we are stopping someone from having faith. We need to encourage anyone who believes in God and work with them to live as God asks.

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?

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

Jesus, I am on your side. Thank you for always being on my side and standing with me, whether things are going well or not. Amen.



DO

Offer to bring or make someone else a drink at least once every day this week.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please help us to be open to other groups of believers. Help us all to work together to make the world a kinder, fairer place. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were a bit mean and unkind and then think about some of the times when you were kind and thoughtful.

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

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Help me to share your love with others in the small acts of kindness I will carry out today. 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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