

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Welcome everyone into church today, perhaps by giving out the books.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask...

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

GENESIS 2:18-24

This story from the first book
in the Bible explains that
God does not want people
to be lonely. The animals
are all named by the man,
who now has responsibility
to look after them and
take care of them. They
are not enough to keep

the man company though.
He needs someone like
himself, so that they can
work together and help
each other. God makes
the woman. Both the
man and the woman are
gifts from God, and they
belong together.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God has made people
to be friends with
each other and look
after each other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 127

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.

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



SECOND READING

HEBREWS 2:9-11

God wants everyone to
be close to him. God sent
Jesus so that all human
beings can have a good
relationship with God.
Human beings turned
away from God, but Jesus
came to put everything
right. Jesus became

one of us so that we can
enjoy God's glory. Jesus'
suffering, death and
resurrection mean that we
can share his life and love.
We are part of the same
human family and are
all brothers and sisters of
Jesus.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Jesus became a
human being, so that
human beings could
become closer to God.

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.



DO YOU KNOW?

Catholic Christians know
God made the world,
but do not believe that
the accounts in Genesis
tell us exactly how God
created it. We believe
these stories tell us why
we are here and how
much God loves us. One
important truth we
learn is that God does
not want people to be
lonely. Marriage is a gift
from God and a way for
us to show God's love to
the world.



THINK

Jesus wants the
children to come to
him, even though the
disciples think they are
a nuisance. Jesus loves
especially anyone who is
ignored and overlooked
by other people. What
great news!



GOSPEL MARK 10:2-16

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

People were often questioning Jesus. They worried that his teaching might be different from their understanding about God. Here, some religious leaders ask Jesus about marriage. They want to see if he is following Moses' teaching. Jesus explains that God created people to love each other and live together

in marriage. Marriage is a gift from God. A small child might be overlooked and ignored, but even unimportant people can understand what is important in life. Love is at the heart of God's kingdom and what we hope marriage shows to the world. We come close to Jesus when we love other people.

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

"Then he put his arms around them..."

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. I can feel your love wrapping me up and keeping me safe. Help me to remember your blessing if other people are ignoring me.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are finding it hard to be married. Please help them to find the practical support and understanding they need. Lord, hear my prayer.

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.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were sad and then another time when you were really happy and full of joy. 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

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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 always welcoming me and calling me closer to you. Help me to respond to you with an open and loving heart. 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)
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Go in peace.



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SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021

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Take a moment to be quiet, to get ready to listen to God's word.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works...

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



FIRST READING WISDOM 7:7-11

The author prayed
and was given the gift
of wisdom from God.
Wisdom is a deep insight
or understanding. When
someone is wise they know
what is important in life
and can see beyond the
nonsense that worries most

of us. Real wisdom is truly
valuable. It is worth more
than any riches, thrones
and jewels, silver or gold.
Wisdom is loved more than
health or beauty and is
preferred to the light. Good
things come to people who
are wise.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Wisdom comes from
God and is priceless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 89

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 4:12-13

God speaks to us through
the words in the Bible.
God has inspired the
writers of scripture and
God will speak to us
today through the words
they wrote down. When
we are really open to
hearing God's message

it will affect us deeply.
God's words cut through
the unimportant parts of
life and get to the heart
of what matters. God's
word in the Bible can help
us to really look hard at
ourselves and help us
grow closer to God.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God's word is alive
and active.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

This is **Prisons Week**
when we pray for
everyone affected by
prisons: prisoners and
their families and the
victims of crime. We
pray for the police,
lawyers, prison officers,
prison chaplains and
the people who care for
those affected by crime.



THINK

Jesus looks at the young
man in the Gospel **with**
love when he challenges
him to put God first
in his life. **Real love will**
challenge us too. We may
be asked to **give things**
up, to show **real love**
and care for someone.
Perhaps you know
someone who is a **young**
carer and who spends
time and energy looking
after a family member.



GOSPEL MARK 10:17-30

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

The young man who runs up to Jesus really wants to know how he can get to heaven. Kneeling in front of Jesus, the young man tells him that he has always kept God's commandments. Then there is just one thing the young man needs to do, Jesus tells him. Sell

everything and give the money to people who are in need. The young man goes away sad because he is unable to give away his riches. Jesus knows how hard it is for us to put God first, but he loves us and knows that God will help us.

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

"Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him"

Take a moment to be still with Jesus. Let him look at you with love. Feel Jesus' love. Know that he is always with you.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are suffering because of crime. I especially want to pray for the children of anyone who is in prison. Be with them. 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 a time this week when you did something you knew was wrong and then think about some of the good, positive choices you made.

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

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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 loving me - even when I don't do what I know is right. Thank you for being patient with me. Amen.



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Be confident that God loves you very, very much.



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.

COLLECT

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



FIRST READING ISAIAH 53:10-11

How can there be a good, loving God when innocent people suffer? There are no easy answers to this problem of evil. Yet for believers, there is a very real understanding that God is with us in our suffering and that good can from the bad situations and experiences we face. Jesus is, for us, the suffering servant, whose death and resurrection is the answer to the problem of evil. Love has shown us the way to life and real happiness.

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.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God can bring good out of suffering and loves us through it all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 32

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 4:14-16

Jesus is so fantastic we never want to lose sight of him! We know that Jesus understands us. Although he is God, Jesus is completely human too. He has faced all the difficulties and challenges we face. Jesus really does understand our weaknesses and will forgive us when we go wrong. He knows how hard it can be to make the right the right choices. And we can be confident that Jesus will help us out if we are struggling. We just need to ask!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We can be confident that Jesus understands us and will help us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Monday 18 October is the feast of **St Luke, Evangelist**. He was a Gentile, not Jewish, and a doctor. Luke wrote a **Gospel** and the **Acts of the Apostles**. He wanted to help everyone understand that **Jesus' message of love** is meant for the **whole world**, especially people who are left out and ignored.



THINK

Putting other people **first** can be really difficult. I would much rather do what I want, than think about what other people need! But if we want to **follow Jesus** this is what we must do. How will you **love and serve** your family and friends today?



GOSPEL MARK 10:35-45

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

Even after spending so long with Jesus, his disciples don't really understand what he is about. They are still looking forward to the power that they think following Jesus will bring. But Jesus is unlike any other leader or ruler. Jesus' power comes from

his love for other people, which will bring him pain and suffering. Putting other people first can be really hard, but that's how we are going to follow Jesus. We don't really understand just what it means, but loving and serving other people is the way to real happiness and joy!

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

"...we place all our hope in you."

Sit in a quiet place with Jesus. Tell him what's on your mind, the good things and the bad or worrying. Be confident in Jesus' love and feel his happiness.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is suffering and in pain. Let them feel your loving presence and find the strength they need for today. Be with them. 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 a time this week when you were tempted to do what you knew was wrong, but then made the right choice. 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 showing me by your example of what real love means. Thank you for always being there for me, no matter what. Amen.



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SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021

30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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I trust and I love you, Jesus.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.



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

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise...



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



FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:7-9

The people of God are
living in two kingdoms, in
the north and south. They
are all very sad, but here
is a message of hope
from God. The prophet
Jeremiah tells the people
that they will be united
again as one kingdom.

There will be great
celebrations as God gathers
the people from the far
ends of the earth. Everyone
is coming home! Like a
loving father, God will
lead the people, guiding
them to streams of water
along a smooth path.



LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God gives words of
hope to the people
through the prophet
Jeremiah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.



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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 5:1-6

A very important festival for
Jewish people is Yom Kippur,
the Day of Atonement.
On this day, Jewish people
celebrate God's forgiveness
of their sins and their new
start with God. The high
priest who makes the

offerings has been chosen
from the community by
God. Here, as Christians,
we are reminded that God
has given us Jesus as our
high priest. It is through
Jesus, one of us, that our
sins are forgiven.



LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
We can be confident
that Jesus understands
us and will help us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!



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



DO YOU KNOW?

Thursday 28 October is the
feast of Ss Simon and Jude,
Apostles. According to
some traditions, they went
together as missionaries
to Persia, and died for
their faith there. Both
were among Jesus twelve
special disciples. Simon is
known as "the zealot" and
Jude is also "Thaddaeus",
which stops anyone mixing
them up with Simon Peter
and Judas.



THINK

Today is World Mission
Day. We give money
to support churches,
hospitals, schools and
vocations in countries
where the Church is new,
young or poor. Let's pray
for everyone involved in
sharing Jesus' Good News.





GOSPEL MARK 10:46-52

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

As a blind man in Jesus' time, Bartimaeus had little option but to beg for money. He is sitting on the side of the road, when he hears Jesus coming and shouts out to him. The crowd are embarrassed by the noise Bartimaeus is making and try to shush him, but he is determined

to be heard and shouts even louder. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cries for help and calls him over. Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, his only protection, and races to Jesus. Jesus sees how much trust and faith Bartimaeus has in him and heals him. Bartimaeus can see again!



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?



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all those who are working to spread the Good News about Jesus across the world. Give them your joy and peace. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time when you were selfish and then think about all the times when you did something kind and helpful. 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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for always listening to me when I need help. Thank you for your healing love. 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.



PRAY

"Master, let me see again."

Jesus, help me to really see what's important in my life. Help me to appreciate the good things around me and not to take anything, or anyone, for granted. Amen.



DO

Take notice of the beautiful things you can see this week. Enjoy looking round and taking in the details!



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SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021

ALL SAINTS
(England & Wales)

Year B



Remember by name anyone from your family or parish who is in heaven.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

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

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long...

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



FIRST READING APOCALYPSE 7:2-4, 9-14

No one knows what
heaven is like, but this
personal vision tells us
a little with symbolic
imagery. John sees a
royal court with the Lamb,
Jesus, on the throne. There
are too many people
to count, waving palms,
praising God. Everyone is

wearing white, showing
they are baptised
Christians from every
race and nation who are
now happy, enjoying
being close to God. What
hope this joyful vision
would have given to the
suffering Christians at the
time, and to us too!

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Heaven is full of
people from every
nation, race, tribe and
language.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.



SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-3

God loves each one of us
all very, very much. We
are all God's children. We
don't need to do anything
to deserve God's love.
God loves us just as we
are. Although we don't
know what will happen

in the future, we do know
that God is going to keep
on loving us no matter
what. The more we try to
be like Jesus, the more
we will understand God's
love. God's love will bring
us real happiness and joy!

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God really loves each
one of us.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

In the apostles' creed
when we talk about "the
communion of saints" we
are saying that we believe
we are connected to all
God's family, on earth and
in heaven. We are united
with everyone who has
loved God and followed
Jesus in all times and all
places.



THINK

There are lots of people
in heaven, so many
that we don't know all
their names. Today we
are celebrating them
all in the feast of All
Saints. During Mass, let's
remember by name the
holy people we know who
have died and gone to
heaven before us.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

Going up a mountain, Jesus tells his friends who will be truly happy. How surprised they must all be when they hear what he says! People who are poor in spirit, who are not arrogant and people who are gentle or grieving are happy. People who work to make the world a

fairer place and to make peace are happy. Those who forgive others and who suffer for what is right are happy. Even people who are abused because of their faith are happy. Happiness is not just about fun and laughter; real and lasting happiness comes from trusting in God's love.

STAND to LISTEN

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

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



PRAY

"Come to me... and I will give you rest"

Take a moment to be still. Breathe gently and close your eyes if you can. Relax your muscles and enjoy sitting quietly with Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you to be happy.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about _____ who has died and is with you in heaven. Help and comfort everyone who misses them. 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 a times when you argued with someone this week and then think of the times when you were gentle and tried to help everyone to get on well together.

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.



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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

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 loving me. Help me to practise loving you more and more each day by being kind and loving to the people I meet. 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.



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Take a moment to get ready to listen really carefully, with your heart, to Jesus.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised...

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



FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6

God wants to have a
loving relationship with all
human beings and has
been working through all
of history to enable this to
happen. God has brought
the people out of slavery
to the Promised Land. Here
is the evidence that God

is keeping the covenant
promise. God saved the
people and they will love
God with all their heart,
soul and strength. Along
with all God's people, we
are reminded to listen
to God's message for us
today.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.

Love God with all your
heart, your soul and
your strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 17

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 7:23-28

High priests offered
sacrifices so that the
people's sins would be
forgiven. Here we are
reminded that Jesus is the
perfect high priest. Having
risen from the dead, Jesus
will never die – so he will
always be able to help

us. He is not like any other
human priest because
he has no weaknesses.
Jesus will never disappoint
us or let us down. Jesus
sacrificed himself for us, so
there is no need for further
offerings. God has forgiven
all our sins through Jesus.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.

Jesus is the perfect
high priest who will
help to heal our
relationship with God
the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Our first reading is the
beginning of one of the
**most important Jewish
prayers, the Shema.**
"Shema" means "listen"
or "hear" in Hebrew. This
prayer is written on tiny
scrolls, a **mezuzah**, kept
on the doorposts of
Jewish homes. It is also in
the **small leather boxes,
tefillin**, worn by people
praying in the synagogue.



THINK

There are **lots of people
in heaven**, so many that
we don't know all their
names. On **Monday 1
November** we celebrate
them all in the feast of **All
Saints**. On Monday let's
remember by name the
holy people we know who
have **died and gone to
heaven** before us.



GOSPEL MARK 12:28-34

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

An expert in Jewish Law, a scribe, is curious about Jesus' interpretation of the commandments. Which commandment does Jesus think is the most important? Jesus puts love at the heart of everything. He links the whole-hearted love of God with the practical love of our neighbour

and ourselves. It is not possible to have one without the others. When the scribe agrees that love is central, Jesus recognises his wisdom by saying the scribe is close to the kingdom of heaven. I pray that I will listen carefully and recognise God's love for me, so that I will be kind to others.

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?



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is struggling to accept themselves for who they are, good and bad. Help them to see themselves through your eyes of love. Lord, hear my prayer.

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You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.

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MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to love you properly and to spend time with you every day. 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.



PRAY

"I love you Lord,
my strength."

Jesus, help me to be kind. Help me to be gentle with myself and with the people I meet today. Give me patience and understanding so that I can put into practice your teaching. Amen.



DO

Make your own mezuzah, to remind yourself of God's love every time you go in and out of your room.



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