

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



How many good things have you already done today?



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.



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

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal...



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



## FIRST READING ACTS 9:26-31

Saul was a real enemy of the first Christians, tracking them down, putting them in jail and even killing them. It's not surprising then that the disciples are afraid of Saul when he arrives in Jerusalem to join them. They just didn't trust he

really had changed and become a Christian. Barnabas tells them the story of Saul's conversion and how he has been bravely preaching about Jesus in Damascus. Now Saul shows by his actions that he really is a believer.



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Saul really has changed and become a Christian.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.  
Or Alleluia!



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



## SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:18-24

If we love God then we will love each other. This sounds very nice, but is not always easy. Love means putting someone else before ourselves and doing something to help and care for them. We can't just talk about love;

we have to put our words into action. We don't need to worry though, because Jesus will help us to live as he asks. Everyone will know that we love God when they see us caring for each other.



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Love is about what we do, not just what we say or feel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!



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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Monday 3 May is the feast of **Ss Philip and James, Apostles**. Both men were friends of Jesus, each chosen to be one of his twelve apostles. On **Tuesday 4 May** we celebrate the feast of **The English Martyrs**, forty men and women who gave their lives for their faith. We ask Jesus to **help us to be a good friend** to him, like all these saints.



## THINK

Vines grow grapes and they were very important in Jesus' time. It takes a long time and hard work to grow good fruit. Our **good deeds are like fruit**. If we stay with Jesus we will have **lots of help** as we grow.



## GOSPEL JOHN 15:1-8

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

Jesus is the true vine and God the Father is like the farmer looking after the vine. Jesus says we are like the branches of the vine. To produce fruit a branch must stay part of the vine plant. If we want to produce good fruit, then we must stay with

Jesus. We need Jesus and each other to help us to do good things in the world. Together we will be able to do great things! If we are rooted in God's love we will grow strong. We will be able to follow Jesus, spreading love to the people we meet.

### 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

**"Our love is not to be just words and talk, but something real and active."**

Help me, Jesus, to share your love this week. Give me energy and determination when I feel as though I can't be bothered. Amen.



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about anyone who feels as though they have no roots and do not belong. Help them to find friendship and to feel strong in your love. 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 didn't do something you should have done, and then remember how often you did do something helpful and useful.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

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?

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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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 how real your love for me is. Help me to put my love for others into action too. Amen.



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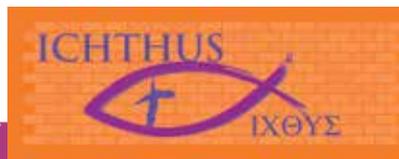
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# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Sit quietly for a moment and let God's love fill your heart.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do...



## FIRST READING ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Sometimes people think that they are the only ones who have a special relationship with God. Today we hear how Peter realised that God is happy with anyone who tries to do what is right. The Holy Spirit has been given to everyone. God

has no favourites. God loves everyone. This was a very important moment in the early Church. From now on they welcomed people from every race and nationality into their community. They understood that everyone is equal in God's eyes.

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 does not have favourites!

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. If we know love, we know God because God is love.



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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.  
Or Alleluia!



## SECOND READING 1 JOHN 4:7-10

This letter tells us what our faith is about: love. Let's love each other, because love comes from God. Anyone who loves knows God, because God is love. The more we learn to live, the more we will get to

know God. We can see how much God loves us because we have seen Jesus. Jesus showed us by everything he did just how much God loves us and if we live like Jesus did we will become even more loving too.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Thursday 13 May is The Ascension of the Lord. If we "ascend", we go up. On this feast day we remember that Jesus went up to heaven. It celebrates the fact that Jesus is king and reminds us that we will be able to go to heaven one day. When God the Son, Jesus, ascended to heaven, God the Holy Spirit came, so that we will never be alone.



## THINK

Jesus loves each one of us just as much as God the Father loves him. Each one of us has been chosen by God and is very special. Knowing we are loved so much makes us very happy!



## GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

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

Jesus wants us all to be happy and he knows that we will be happy if we stay with him. The best way to happiness is to live as Jesus asks. Jesus asks us to love each other and by giving up his life he has shown us what that means. When

we put other people first we are showing what real love is too. Jesus doesn't want us to do what he says because we have to, like servants. We are Jesus' friends and he wants us to live as he asks because he wants what is best for us.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all my friends. Please bless them and look after them, and help me to be a good friend to them. 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 selfish and then think of time when you put someone else first and showed real love for them.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to share your love and joy with everyone I meet this week. Amen.

### 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?

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

"Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."

Picture all the people who have ever loved you. Now picture all the people you love. Thank God for giving you so much love.



### DO

Spread some joy this week by giving something away everyday - maybe your time and effort or a small gift.



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# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Think about all the times you have been happy so far this week.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

## COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us...



## FIRST READING ACTS 1:15-17. 20-26

Someone needs to take Judas' place now he is no longer with the apostles. Peter suggests they need to choose someone who has been with them from the start, when Jesus was baptised, right up to his death and resurrection. This

new apostle will be an eye witness and be able to talk from first hand experience. After two candidates are nominated, the apostles pray for guidance. Matthias is chosen by lot and is now listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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. The apostles choose Judas' replacement.

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. If we live in love we live in God, and God lives in us.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 102

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.  
Or Alleluia!



## SECOND READING 1 JOHN 4:11-16

Since God loves us so much, we should love each other. If we live in love, God will live in us and we will grow to be even more loving. We have all been given God's Spirit, to help us to be loving in our daily

lives. Love isn't always easy. Thinking about other people's needs can be hard work, but the Holy Spirit will give us the courage and determination we need. God loves us, so we can love everyone else!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today is World Communications Day. There are so many amazing ways we can communicate these days and we want to use the media well to share the Good News about God's love. How could you use the internet in a positive way today?



## THINK

Jesus wants us to be happy. Perhaps your parish already helps you to have fun with your friends. If not, maybe you can suggest ways you can get together to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better.





## GOSPEL JOHN 17:11-19

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

When Jesus was with his friends he was able to help them. He kept them safe and took care of them. Now that he is going back to his Father in heaven, Jesus is praying for his friends. Jesus wants to share his happiness with all his friends. He knows that it

will not be easy for the disciples when he has gone, but he also knows that God the Father will look after his friends. If we trust God we will become even more like Jesus and we will share in his happiness. Trusting in God's love will give us real joy.

### 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

"God is love."

Thank you, Lord, for showing yourself to me through all the people in my life. Thank you for letting me know what love is like, and for helping me to get know you better. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone who uses social media. Help us to use it well and never in a way that will hurt other people. 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 sad and then think about a time when you were 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

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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 the meaning of real love. Help me to share your love with my friends and family. Amen.



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SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
(IRELAND)

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Think about all the times you have been happy so far this week.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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

## COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer,  
ascended this day to the heavens,  
may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms...

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



## FIRST READING ACTS 1:1-11

Since his resurrection  
Jesus has been appearing  
to his disciples, telling  
them all about the  
kingdom of God. The  
disciples are impatient  
and ask if the kingdom is  
arriving now. Jesus says  
they don't need to know

what God is planning.  
They will, however,  
receive the power of  
the Holy Spirit and are to  
share the Good News.  
As Jesus is talking to  
the disciples he is lifted up  
into heaven, leaving them  
looking at a cloud.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Jesus is lifted up to  
heaven before their  
very eyes.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 46

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Or Alleluia!

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



## SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:17-23

May God the Father give  
you wisdom, so you can  
see what life with God  
means. May God help  
you to appreciate how  
much you are loved and  
what is possible if you  
believe. God is calling  
you to live a happy

life, full of hope and  
goodness. My God open  
your eyes and heart so  
that you can begin to  
understand the wonderful  
things God has in store  
for you. Jesus is king of  
heaven and earth and all  
will be well.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Jesus is in charge of  
heaven and earth and  
brings us hope.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

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amazing ways we can  
communicate these days  
and we want to use the  
media well to **share the Good News** about God's  
love. **How could you use the internet in a positive way today?**



## THINK

Jesus gives his disciples a **special mission** today. He asks them to **go and tell everyone**, by what they do and what they say, all about **God's love**. We are all Jesus' disciples, so it's **our job** to carry on that mission! **How will you spread Jesus' message today?**



## GOSPEL MARK 16:15-20

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

Jesus meets with the eleven apostles who are left and gives them a special mission. They must go to the whole world, telling everyone the good news about God's love. Everyone who believes is to be baptised and the apostles will have great powers to help them to share Jesus' message.

Then Jesus is taken up into heaven, to be with God the Father. God is with the apostles as they work hard to do as Jesus had asked. The apostles go everywhere telling everyone all about Jesus and doing great things to share God's love with the people they meet.

### 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

**"Go, make disciples of all the nations."**

I want to spread your message, Jesus. Help me to be brave enough to talk about you and to show by the way I care for others that you are really with me. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone who uses social media. Help them to use it well and never in a way that will hurt other people. Lord, hear my prayer.

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### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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What can you give special thanks for today?

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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 the meaning of real love. Help me to share your love with all the people I meet. Amen.



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SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021

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Come Holy Spirit, and fill me with your power.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

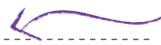
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

## COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers...



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 ACTS 2:1-11

Imagine being with the disciples, all together in one room. Jesus has left you and you just don't know what is going on. Suddenly the whole house is filled with the noise of a powerful wind. Can you hear it? Something that looks like

tongues of fire appears and settles on each person's head. Can you see them? Now you are filled with the Holy Spirit and great confidence. Nothing can stop you all rushing outside and telling everyone you know all about Jesus!



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The disciples are given power through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 103

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.  
Or Alleluia!



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



## SECOND READING 1 GALATIANS 5:16-25

Sometimes we are tempted to be selfish and do things we know are wrong. But we don't need to worry. God loves us and has sent the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit will help us to be full of love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. These gifts will not appear by magic, we have to practise using them. The more we practise, the more we will become like Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit guide us!



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us to lead good lives.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!



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



## DO YOU KNOW?

We all receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we are baptised. In confirmation we receive the "special strength of the Holy Spirit" (CCC). There are different gifts of the Spirit. You might like to find out what they are and practise using them so that people will see the fruits of the Spirit in your life.



## THINK

It's frustrating when we don't understand what Jesus is saying, but it's good to remember that even the disciples didn't understand at first. Bit by bit everything became clearer to them, but it was a long journey. The great thing is, like the disciples, we all have the Holy Spirit to help along the way!



## GOSPEL JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Jesus tries to explain the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus, God the Son, will send them God the Holy Spirit when he goes back to God the Father. Although the disciples have been with Jesus from the start, they still don't really understand all that Jesus has shared with them.

The Holy Spirit is going to help them to grow in their understanding and lead them to the truth. The Holy Spirit will help us too, as we grow in our relationship with God and understand more about Jesus' love – and will help us to share this message with everyone we meet.

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, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful And kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who has to hide away because of their beliefs. Send your Spirit of hope and courage to 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. This is a prayer you could say privately.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and being so patient with me. Help me to be gentle and patient with myself as I try to grow to be more like you. Amen.



# IXΘΥΣ

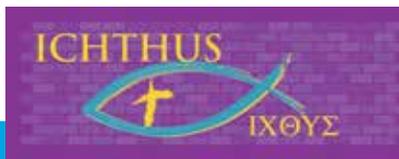
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# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 30 MAY 2021

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year B



Glory be to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

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

## COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world  
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification  
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,  
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,  
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory  
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty...

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



## FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34. 39-40

It's good to remember  
just how amazingly good  
God is. Moses wants the  
people to remember  
how much they owe  
God. God's mighty hand  
has worked signs and  
wonders to rescue them  
from slavery in Egypt.

God is in charge and has  
power over heaven and  
earth. Not only that, God  
is close to the people,  
speaking to them and  
looking after them all the  
time. In their gratitude,  
the people are going to  
keep God's laws.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.

Moses reminds the  
people of the amazing  
things God has done  
for them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 32

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

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



## SECOND READING ROMANS 8:14-17

Paul begins his letter to  
his friends in Corinth with  
a blessing. He is grateful  
for all the good things  
these first Christians  
have received from God,  
and wants to remind  
them to be thankful too.  
The Corinthians have

received great teaching  
and have the help of the  
Holy Spirit to help them  
to stay faithful to Jesus.  
We, too, have been  
blessed to be called by  
God and have the gifts of  
the Holy Spirit to help us  
as we try to follow Jesus.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.

We are God's children,  
privileged to call God  
"Father".

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Names are very significant.  
In the story of creation  
God gives Adam the  
power to name the  
animals. This story tells  
us that we must look  
after the animals because  
naming things gives us  
responsibility for them.



## THINK

Jesus asks his friends  
to baptise believers in  
the name of God the  
Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
You will probably already  
have made the sign of  
the cross today, using  
the name of the Trinity.  
Be aware of how often  
today you hear the  
name of God being used.



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

Jesus has arranged to meet his friends. When they see Jesus, they fall down to worship him – although some of them are not sure how to react. The past few weeks have been very strange. Jesus comes closer to the disciples and asks them to do a special job. He

wants his friends to go and tell the whole world about God's love. They are to baptise everyone who believes in Jesus in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus will be with his friends always, right until the end of time.

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

"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Thank you, Jesus, for being my friend and always being there for me. Help me to trust you and to be confident in your love. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone in my parish. Help us to be a loving and caring community, just like the Trinity, so that everyone can see that God is love. 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.



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Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Thank you, Jesus, sharing your life with me. Thank you for being my brother and always being there to help and support me. Amen.



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