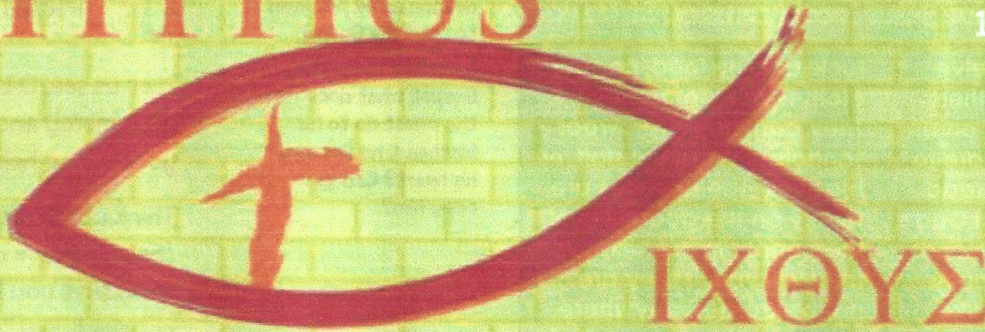


# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021

15TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Thank you, Jesus, for choosing me to be your friend!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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

## COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour...

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



## FIRST READING AMOS 7:12-15

Like most of us, Amaziah does not want to be told that he is not doing what's right. Amaziah is a priest and he thinks he is already doing what God wants. He tells Amos, God's messenger, to go away and get back to his homeland. Amos, however, has no choice. He explains to Amaziah that he is just a shepherd and it isn't his idea to be prophesying. Amos has answered God's call and must give God's message to the people.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Amaziah, the priest, objects to the prophet Amos.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

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



## SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Even before the world was made God knew each one of us. We are all chosen to be God's children. Each of us has a purpose, a special reason to be here. Each one of us gives praise and glory to God by being the person God created us to be. Through Jesus, God the Father has shown us the meaning of our lives. We are all made to live in love and to share God's love with everyone we meet.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. In this blessing Paul explains that God has chosen each one of us.

## 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?

Today is **Sea Sunday**, when we pray for **people who make their living on the sea** and their families. We rely on seafarers for many of the things we need every day like food and clothes.



## THINK

This week we hear about **God's prophet Amos**. He was quite happy living as a **shepherd and a farmer**, until God called him. Amos was asked to give a difficult message to the people, telling them to **change their ways** or they would have to face consequences. The good news is that our **loving God** is always ready to **forgive anyone** who asks.



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

Jesus gathers his twelve special friends together and sends them out on an important job. They are to travel, in pairs, to spread the good news about God's love. Jesus gives his friends instructions for their journey – which are nothing like we'd expect. They are to take nothing with them; no

rucksack, no food, no spare clothes and no money. They can, however, wear sandals and carry a staff, or big stick. The apostles are to rely on the goodness of the people in the villages they will visit. If they are not welcomed anywhere they should just leave. Their trip is very successful!

**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. Here 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**


**“Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.”**

Think about the things that you have done this week that you know are not right. Say “sorry” to God. Know that God has already forgiven you!



**DO**

Find out about some of the many ways people look after us by working at sea.



**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)**



**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Dear Lord, I am thinking about all the people who work at sea. Thank you for their bravery and hard work. Please bless them and keep them safe. Lord, hear my prayer.



**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were slow to do what you knew was right and then think about a time when you did the right thing immediately.

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**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



**MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you, Jesus, for giving me your peace and for helping me to believe. Help me to share your peace with everyone I meet this week. 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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