

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS

Year A



Ask all the saints whose statues and pictures you can see in church to pray for you.



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.

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 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?

Today is the feast of **All Saints**. The Catholic Church celebrates lots of saints' days throughout the year, but today we think about them all, especially those we don't know by name. This feast reminds us that **we are all called to be saints**. With God's help we can live like Jesus and join all the saints in heaven.



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

The writer's personal vision uses imagery and symbolism to tell us about heaven. Good has finally won over evil. There are so many people in heaven that it is impossible to count them. Anyone who has suffered for Jesus is there, dressed

in white and calling out praises to God. Just like when Jesus came into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week, they are waving palm leaves. Jesus' death and resurrection has opened heaven for us all and it will be wonderful.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

The saints in heaven come from all nations, races and tribes.

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 has poured out love on each one of us. We really are God's children and can enjoy a very special relationship with God our Father. Every day we can be happy because we know that we are loved and that God is

with us. Yet this happiness is nothing compared to the happiness that is waiting for us in heaven. Then we really will know what God's love is like. Knowing God's goodness even better is certainly something to look forward to!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We are all children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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



THINK

Jesus' friends must have been just as surprised as we might be today when they heard his list of **people who are happy**, or blessed. Often, however, it is when we are poor or sad that we understand how much **we need God**. Knowing we need God will make us **truly happy**.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

Just as God speaks to Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus goes up a hill to speak. He explains which people are truly happy, or blessed: people who are sad; peacemakers; those who forgive others or are working for justice; those who are gentle and kind; and people who are hurt because of

their faith. Unexpectedly, it is not rich or popular people who are on Jesus' list. Contrary to how the world usually works, Jesus says the weakest and poorest people are blessed. Not only will these people be rewarded in heaven, God is with them in a special way now.

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

Look at the Beatitudes carefully. Do any describe you? Which would you like to put into practice? Ask Jesus to help you.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who finds it hard to believe they are loved. Let them feel your presence so they might understand just how special they are. 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 fed up this week and then think of something good that happened.

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

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, loving Lord, for loving me just as I am. Help me to grow in love for you and to put my love into action. 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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IXΘΥΣ



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SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020

32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Talk to Jesus, giving him anything that is worrying you.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours...

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



FIRST READING WISDOM 6:12-16

Not everyone is wise. People who are wise have a lot of common sense but also have deep understanding and insight. This book was written to teach young Jewish men who want to live as God asks.

Here they are given the hope that those who are genuinely looking for wisdom will find it. God will bless people who want to do what is right and good and will help them to understand the world and other people.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Those who are genuinely looking will find wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

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



SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

The first Christians thought Jesus was going to come back very soon and take them to heaven. But people were dying, Jesus hadn't returned and the Thessalonians were worrying about what this meant. Paul's message

to them can help us too. Although we will be sad when someone dies, we can find comfort in the hope of heaven. Our hope comes from our faith in Jesus. We may not know exactly how, but Jesus died and rose again, and so will we.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We have the hope of life in heaven because of Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is **Remembrance Day**. We remember all those who have suffered and died in war. Money from the sale of **poppies** goes to **help people** whose lives have been changed by the injuries they received because of war. A red poppy is a symbol of both **remembrance** and **hope** for a peaceful future.



THINK

We are all invited to join **Jesus' party** and enjoy life with him now and, eventually, in heaven. If we are wise we will be ready to **welcome Jesus** into our lives. Following Jesus and putting love at the centre of our lives is what will make us **truly happy**.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

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

Bridesmaids are needed in this traditional wedding to greet the bridegroom and take him in procession to meet his bride. Five of the bridesmaids are wise. They have their lamps ready and some spare oil, just in case. Unfortunately five of the bridesmaids are foolish. Although they have their lamps, they are not prepared and have no spare oil. Inevitably, when the bridegroom is later than expected, the lamps of the foolish bridesmaids have gone out. Instead of escorting the bridegroom to the wedding, they have to go to buy more oil. If we're prepared, we can enjoy the party!

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

Light a candle and say a prayer for anyone you know who needs prayers because they are sad or unwell. If you don't know anyone particular, offer up a prayer asking God to decide who needs help.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about all the people who are preparing to get married. Be with them as they plan the wedding and for the rest of their lives. 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 of a time when you weren't properly prepared this week and then think of a time when you had everything ready on time.

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

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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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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 inviting me to enjoy life with you. Help me to share the joy of your love with others. Amen.



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SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020

33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Year A

Thank God for all your gifts and talents!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good...

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



FIRST READING PROVERBS 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Although we might think this description of a good wife is old fashioned, there is good advice here. It is good for anyone to work hard, especially if they are providing for their family. Everyone should give to people who are poor or needing help in anyway. It is good to put other people first, and to try not to hurt anyone. Outward beauty is not important, and our actions say a lot about us. No one is perfect, but we can all try!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. A perfect wife is hard to find!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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



SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Jesus hadn't returned as the first Christians expected. Paul is reassuring the people of Thessalonica in this letter that they mustn't worry. God has everything under control. Jesus will come at the right time, and we don't need to know when that will be. As Christians, we don't need to worry because we are children of the light. If we are following Jesus and living as he asks, we will be ready to welcome Jesus whenever he returns.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Live in the light, doing as Jesus asks.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is **World Day of the Poor**. Pope Francis asks us to think how we can **stand up for people** who are living in poverty. Perhaps we can learn something from people who do not have all the things we do, but who still **know and love God**.



THINK

In Jesus' time a "talent" was a **type of currency**, or money. Jesus' story says that if **we can be trusted** to look after unimportant things like money, we can be trusted with things that really matter. Today we call our **skills and abilities** "talents". The more we use our gifts and talents, the better they will be.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

Preparing to go travelling, a man asks his servants to look after his things while he is gone. He trusts the first with five talents, the second gets two talents while the third receives three. The first two men use their talents and double their money. The third is lazy and hides his money

in the ground. When he returns, the master is delighted with the first two. In showing that they can be trusted with small things the first two servants show they can be trusted with more important things. They are rewarded with an invitation to enjoy their master's happiness.

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

What are your gifts and talents - music, sport, reading, listening, art, helping, or something else? When you use your gifts and talents today, make it in to a prayer by giving your time and effort to God.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all the people who are struggling to feed their families. Help us all to work to stop poverty and to share what we have with people in need. 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 a bit lazy this week and then think of a time when you worked hard to do something.

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

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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 trusting me with your love. Help me to treasure this gift of love and to help it to grow by sharing it with others this week. Amen.



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SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year A



Welcome everyone into church, just as if you are welcoming Jesus.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise...



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 EZEKIEL 34:11-12. 15-17

Usually, a farmer pays a shepherd to do the hard work of looking after his sheep. Yet, we hear from Ezekiel that it is God who going to do this work, not a paid worker. Like a shepherd standing in the

middle of his flock, God is going to keep us all in his sight. God will personally search out the lost and will bandage the wounded. God will provide rest for all the sheep, taking care of the weak and healthy alike.



LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God is our shepherd
who looks after every
one of us, his sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.



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



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26. 28

Everything hangs on Jesus' resurrection: if Jesus hadn't risen, there would be no Christianity. But the resurrection is not easy to explain. Paul is trying here to explain what the resurrection means to the Christians in Corinth. They

are having as much trouble as we might have today in understanding what it all means. What we do know is that Jesus' death and resurrection makes him king of all creation. All of us can enjoy life forever because of Jesus' power and love.



LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
Christ's death and
resurrection have
made him king,
ruler over every
other power.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

In Ezekiel's time shepherds were looked down on. No one wanted to be a **shepherd**. It was dangerous, hard work - and you smelled! How amazing then that God chooses the analogy of a shepherd looking after his sheep to explain how much **God loves and cares for each one of us**.



THINK

Jesus is our shepherd and we are his sheep. It is our job to **listen** for the shepherd calling us. Can we see Jesus in the people around us? Perhaps you can show that Jesus is your king by **helping someone** today.



GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

Like a shepherd separates sheep from goats, on the last day the king will separate good people from bad. The good people, the sheep, will be rewarded by being welcomed into the kingdom of heaven. They have given food and drink to people who are hungry and thirsty, they have

sheltered people who are homeless and welcomed strangers. When they did this, they have looked after the king himself. Jesus is telling us in this parable, that our actions are what matter. When we take care of even the least important person in the world, we are taking care of Jesus.

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

Use your imagination in prayer. Be still and gently close your eyes. In the stillness of your heart hear God say, "I shall watch over you. I shall look after the lost, bandage the wounded and be a true shepherd."



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please help us to recognise you in the people we meet. Help us to see your face in people who are hungry and thirsty, homeless or migrants and to welcome and look after 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

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time this week when you ignored someone who needed help and then think about a time when you were kind and helpful.

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.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me by your death on the cross what real power looks like. Help me to show my love for others by putting them first, even if it hurts. Amen.



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ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B



Look around church and see if there are any changes that show we are in Advent.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom...

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?

Advent is the **start of the Church's year**. We are now in a season of waiting and preparation for the coming or **arrival of Jesus**. We are not only thinking about the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem. Jesus also comes to us when we receive Communion and we believe that Jesus will come again at the end of time.



FIRST READING ISAIAH 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

God's people feel utterly lost and abandoned and now are pleading with God to come back to them. They know that they are far from perfect. They have gone against God and deserve the consequences of their

sins. But the God of Israel is not like any other gods. God will never leave them. Ultimately the people trust in God, their Father. Like a potter moulding a beautiful piece of art, through their suffering God is moulding the people of Israel.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Isaiah has a message of hope for God's suffering people.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 79

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

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 all waiting for Jesus to come into our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

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



THINK

On Monday we celebrate the feast of **St Andrew, Apostle**. Andrew was a fisherman and the older brother of St Peter. Like his brother, Andrew left his nets to become a "fisher of men" and bring people to Jesus. He is the **patron saint of Scotland**.



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

Jesus wants his friends to be ready to welcome God. He uses an analogy to help explain. A man who has left his servants in charge of the house would expect the doorkeeper to be ready to open the door when he gets back. If the

doorkeeper is going to be ready, he will have to stay awake watching and waiting. Jesus wants his friends to be ready to welcome God. If we are doing what is right, loving God and other people, we don't need to worry. We will be ready.

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 are the work of your hands"

Be still. Imagine being safe in God's hands. Thank God for making you so special. Thank God for being with you every day, helping you to become an even more beautiful person.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, help us to be welcoming to people who come to our country. The doorman welcomed his master home, and when we welcome strangers we are welcoming you. 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 this week when you felt down and sad and then think about a time when you felt hopeful and knew things would get better.

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

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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 Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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 coming to me as bread and wine in Holy Communion. Help me to be ready to share your love with the people I meet. Amen.



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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.

