

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

SS PETER AND PAUL,  
APOSTLES

Year A



Tell Jesus what's going on in your life.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.



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

## COLLECT

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul  
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,  
grant, we pray, that your Church  
may in all things follow the teaching  
of those through whom she received  
the beginnings of right religion...



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



## FIRST READING ACTS 12:1-11

Peter was in prison  
because he had been  
preaching about Jesus.  
One night, Peter had a  
dream. He saw an angel  
come and tap him on the  
shoulder. The angel said  
"Get up! Hurry!" Peter  
sat up and saw that the

chains which held him to  
the floor had been broken.  
He got up and followed  
the angel through the  
prison. All the doors which  
should have been locked  
fell open before them. The  
angel led Peter out of the  
prison to freedom.



LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.

God saves Peter from  
the king who wanted  
to please the people  
by persecuting the  
Christians.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 33

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.



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



## SECOND READING 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul knows his life is  
nearly over. He sees it  
as a race which is at the  
finish and a good fight  
which he has fought to  
the end. Paul knows that  
he has nothing to worry  
about, because he has  
done his very best. He

has spread the Good  
News about Jesus. God  
has been with him and  
helped him when he has  
needed strength and  
courage. Now Paul is  
looking forward to his  
reward and being with  
God in heaven.



LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.

Paul writes to his  
friend Timothy  
about the work he  
has done for Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.  
Alleluia!



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



## DO YOU KNOW?

Today is the feast of Ss  
Peter and Paul. Neither  
of these leaders was  
perfect and they were  
very different. By working  
together, however, they  
were able to guide the  
Church and to spread the  
message of Jesus' love far  
and wide.



## THINK

Peter and Paul both  
suffered for their faith.  
There are Christians  
today who are suffering  
persecution or  
discrimination because  
of their belief in Jesus.  
Aid to the Church in  
Need (ACN) supports  
them through prayer and  
practical help. How will  
you help today?



## GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-19

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

Everyone was talking about Jesus and wondering who he was. Perhaps he was a prophet or John the Baptist? Jesus just wants to know what the disciples think, so he asks them, "Who do you say I am?". Peter is the one who recognises who Jesus really is. Peter has

come to understand that Jesus is the Son of God. God the Father has given Peter the gift of faith. Jesus knows that Peter will be a strong, trustworthy leader of the disciples when he has to leave them. Jesus gives Peter authority to teach and lead in his name.

### 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

"Who do you say I am."

Sit somewhere quietly with Jesus. Listen to Jesus saying these words from the Gospel directly to you. How will you respond?



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all our political leaders. Help them to make wise decisions which will make the world a better place. 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 felt uncertain and worried and then think of a time when you were confident and happy. 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

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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 and for always being my friend. Help me to be your friend and to trust you. Amen.



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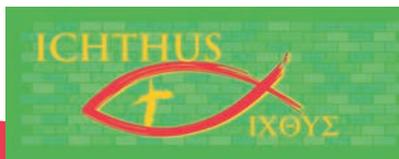
is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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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