

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 July 2020

Preparation

If possible:

- arrange candles, a crucifix and a Sunday Missal or Gospel on a table.
- find a picture on the internet or in a book of Jesus with children.
- put heavy items, such as books, in a basket or bin bag.

Introduction

Today is the fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time. In the Gospel today we hear about the people that understand Jesus the very best.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

If possible arrange a candle, a crucifix and a Sunday Missal on a table. An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Especially when our daily routines are different just now. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song".

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better,
Help us to be kinder.
Forgive us,
Forgive us.

(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,

we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story,
let us praise him for his glory.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew

All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 11: 25-30 refer to :

[https://cafod.org.uk>Education>children'sLiturgy](https://cafod.org.uk/Education/children'sLiturgy)

(instead of saying "the unlearned" say "people who are like little children")

The Gospel of the Lord

All say : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

Ask children what they heard in this week's Gospel. Acknowledge and encourage them. If you have managed to find a picture of Jesus with children show it to the children.

Ask the following questions:

Why do you think that Jesus says people who are like children can understand God's ways better than people who are more clever?

- Jesus is referring to the qualities that children have which enable them to accept God. They are trusting, more innocent and often more honest about themselves and what they see and experience.

Show the children the heavy basket or bag. Ask them to think of things that worry them and imagine they are all in that basket or bag. Ask one child to pull the basket or bag. Ask him/her what that was like.

Ask another child to imagine the same and help her/his sibling pull the basket/bag. Ask what that was like.

- Explain that God is here to help us with our worries and problems. He is like your sister/brother who helped you move the basket/bag. If we trust in God our worries and problems become easier to bear.

How do you think that God has helped people around the world during the COVID 19 Pandemic?

- He worked through his people. People in communities helped each other doing things like making masks, doing shopping for others, making meals for those who had no food, being kind to each other when we are missing our friends from school or grand parents, clapping for the NHS/key workers on Thursday nights, etc.

- When people could not go into the church buildings, they prayed at home with family and watched Mass online or sometimes on the television and joined in rosaries online. Now that the church is open we can visit as a family and pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

What did Jesus say at the end of this week's Gospel?

- If we trust in Him and He would not give us anything that is too hard. This is encouraging to people who are missing "normal" things in their life during

COVID 19. We have God to share our worries and help us carry the basket/bag!

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for all those who love Jesus with the gentleness and trust of children.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

We pray for all those who suffer and struggle during COVID 19 that God's love will help them feel better.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

We pray for all those who help others, that they will feel God's love and joy.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

Closing Prayer

God, thank you for all of your help with my worries. Please always stay close to me and walk with me like a friend.

For Parents or Carers reading this at home, there are some further resources on the Archdiocese website.