

## Twenty-second Sunday (Year B)

29th August 2021

### Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

### Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-062-jesus-pharisees/>

### Gather around the prayer space as a family

**Parent/Caregiver:** In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that the love we have for God should be reflected through our actions, thoughts and in the way we treat others.

### Opening prayer:

Lord God, help us to love and honour you through the way that we treat others. Let us love and treat people with kindness and compassion. Amen.

### Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (7:1-5, 14-16, 21-23)

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord.

Some Pharisees and several teachers of the Law of Moses from Jerusalem came and gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples ate without first washing their hands.

The Pharisees and all other Jewish people obey the teachings of their ancestors. They always wash their hands in the proper way before eating. None of them will eat anything they buy in a market until it is washed. They also follow a lot of other teachings, such as washing cups, pitchers and bowls.

The Pharisees and teachers asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors taught us to do? Why do they eat without washing their hands?"

Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Pay attention and try to understand what I mean. The food that you put into your mouth does not make you unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean.

"Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride, and foolishness. All these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God."

**The gospel of the Lord. All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

### Prayerfully watch the video together

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txau1-BxcK4&t=78s>

### Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder how Jesus was feeling when the Pharisees spoke to him...

I wonder how the disciples were feeling...

I wonder what the crowd were thinking when they heard Jesus' words...

I wonder if the Pharisees understood Jesus words...

I wonder what I can do to follow Jesus more closely...

I wonder how I can show love to others...

### Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

*I Believe* - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

**Intercessions:** Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.  
(*We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they will lead with wisdom and right judgement.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those who are in the process of receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. That the Holy Spirit will strengthen them in their faith and relationship with God.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for the members of our Church who live in countries where they cannot freely live out their faith. May they find peace and strength in God.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for those who are sick or have experienced hurt and loss. May they find comfort and strength in Jesus.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Closing prayer:** We lift up our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Closing song:** *If I Were a Butterfly* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbJUynRN0js> (3:04min)

### Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**  
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Acts of Kindness**  
Jesus spoke about the importance of our actions coming from our heart. Do something kind:  
<https://sunshinewhispers.com/kids-kindness-challenge-free-kindness-printable/>
- **Colouring in**  
Discuss how these people are showing love through their actions  
[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/6106/51383/version/8/file/Prayer\\_childrens-liturgic\\_22nd-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-pic.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/6106/51383/version/8/file/Prayer_childrens-liturgic_22nd-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-pic.pdf)
- **Family Connection**  
*As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules.* Talk about why you have these rules in your family. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/22nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>