**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Today’s Gospel narrates the story of the ten lepers cured by Jesus. Only one—a Samaritan and therefore a stranger— returns to Jesus and gives thanks. Thus, to glorify God is to do it through Jesus. For it is through his Son Jesus that God chooses to save us.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is :

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (2 Kgs 5:14-17)

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said, ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2)

***(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

**1.** Sing a new song to the Lord

for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm

have brought salvation. **(R.)**

**2.** The Lord has made known his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love

for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

**3.** All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,

ring out your joy. **(R.)**

#### SECOND READING (2 Tm 2:8-13)

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

Remember the Good News that I carry. ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 17:11-19)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Knowing that God’s love extends to all of humanity and in a special way to our most marginalised and vulnerable, and that Christ offers life to the full to all God’s children, we pray with confidence to our loving God.

**Reader:**  For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop and Priests. May they be reflections of your compassionate love, mercy and tenderness every day.

We pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all people working with children who are most in need of healthcare, education and life skills. We pray they are strengthened in their work by the model of Jesus and are able to see each one they encounter as a child of God.

We pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all children who are most at risk, who may be orphans or challenged by disability and are in need of care, shelter and nutrition in Ghana. We pray they will experience the hope of Your love and tenderness and they do not fear because they know You are with them.

We Pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our Missionary Church. May she continues to be guided by the Spirit and be a source of love and life, purpose and renewal, a place where our broken hearted, our weary, our hungry, our sick and our poor can call home.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our parishioners undertaking and preparing for their Year 12, University and TAFE exams do so with fortitude, patience and dedication.

We Pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love**

**you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our**

**youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

**Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the**

**aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

**May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become**

**deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Merciful Father, you call us to come out of ourselves in loving service of others. We pray that we can be instruments of your love here in our parish and wherever we go. We ask that you cover your communities scattered around the world with your love. We offer our prayers through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.