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

**TWENTY~FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

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

Our Gospel today is a wake-up call. Knowing the Lord and the Gospel is not enough. It is necessary to live the life that Jesus lived and put his word into practice. Entrance into God’s kingdom is not easy. We have to pass through the narrow door. May we have the humility to see that God’s kingdom is a gift which we have to accept with joy and courage, so that it may bear fruit in our lives.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Is 66:18-21)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15)

***R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.***

#### 1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

#### 2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 13:22-30)

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

#### Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

#### ‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

#### ‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

#### ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**SUNDAY 25th AUGUST**

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Father that we may have hearts open to welcome all peoples as brothers and sisters, fellow travellers, and partakers in the Lord’s banquet.

**Reader:** For Pope Francis, our bishops, and all those who minister in the Church with wisdom and holiness through the works of Faith, Hope and Charity.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the Church. That in our deeds, we may be a witness of the sanctifying and sacrificial love of Christ.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the people whose lives have been maimed by representatives of the Catholic Church. May they be touched by Christ, and be freed to live full and happy lives. From the Church, may they find justice and love.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our political leaders, legislators, and those in public office. May they enhance laws that welcome, protect, and promote the most vulnerable in our community.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For migrants, refugees, and international students. That we may work with them, attentive to their needs and promoting their innate dignity as children of God.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

We pray:

**R — hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for World Refugees & Migrants Day.**

**All: God our Father in heaven, we thank you for the sacred gift of the Eucharist which unites us in a single body.**

**We thank you for the gift of solidarity and for the richness and beauty found in diversity, Show mercy to those who travel in danger and lead them to a place of safety and peace.**

**We pray for the grace of hospitality and the courage to welcome those who come in search of refuge.**

**Through unity and charity, help us to attain justice and lasting peace in the world.**

**Mary, Mother of Migrants and Refugees, present our prayers to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is one with the Father and Holy Spirit, our God forever and ever.**

**Priest:** Father of hope and consolation, hear the prayers of your people and fill us with your love. May we work for your kingdom in patience and perseverance.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord.

**All:** Amen.