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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**Introduction:**

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

In today’s Gospel, the role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say ‘He is the one!’ Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Is 49:3. 5-6)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified’;

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant,

to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations

so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.)**

***(R) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

#### 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord

#### and he stooped down to me;

#### he heard my cry.

#### He put a new song into my mouth,

#### praise of our God. (R.)

#### 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,

#### but an open ear.

#### You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

#### Instead, here am I. (R.)

#### 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written

#### that I should do your will.

#### My God, I delight in your law

#### in the depth of my heart. (R.)

#### 4. Your justice I have proclaimed

#### in the great assembly.

#### My lips I have not sealed;

#### you know it, O Lord. (R.)

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####  SECOND READING  (1 Cor 1:1-3)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him

to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Jn 1:29-34)

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

#### Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us turn to God who formed us before we were born and bring our prayers before the Lord who hears our cries,

**Reader:** That the Pope, bishops, priests, and religious may always aspire for the Gospel values of love, humility, and service rather than power and influence.

*We Pray:*

**All: R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our civil and political leaders may become fully convinced that true greatness is attained through service and care especially of the weak and those who have less in life.

*We Pray:*

**All: R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all who personally are facing the great difficulties of drought and bushfires, that courage will be theirs, and the goodwill of many will support them.

 *We Pray:*

**All: R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for firefighters, emergency service and military personnel, and those who coordinate their service, that the nation will pray for them with gratitude.

*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 our Parish Community prayer.**

**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:** Heavenly Father, listen to our prayers. Give us the courage to do your will so that we may be worthy to share the eternal happiness of your kingdom.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**