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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

Today’s Gospel presents the moving story of Jesus healing the leper. The healing declares that Jesus is the one who is to come, for when the Messiah comes, the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. The Messiah comes to inaugurate the year of the Lord’s favour. Jesus needs our words and our actions, our hands and our hearts, to continue to reach out today to the lonely, to alleviate pain, to bridge the gap that separates people. May this Eucharist strengthen us to become effective instruments of the Lord’s healing love.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Lv 13:1-2. 44-46)**

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean”. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7)**

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**1.** Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,

whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord

imputes no guilt,

in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

**2.** But now I have acknowledged my sins;

my guilt I did not hide.

I said: ‘I will confess

my offence to the Lord.’

And you, Lord, have forgiven

the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

**3.** Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,

exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,

all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1)**

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mk 1:40-45)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — We look to the Lord who gives, preserves, and saves life, as he did with the poor leper. May our loving Father give us a loving heart similar to his.

**Reader:** May Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and deacons lead the flock with the compassionate heart of Jesus our Saviour.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May political and civil leaders move with compassion to the cries of those who are suffering because of racial and religious discrimination, violence and terrorism, and render to them justice and peace.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the Lord make us all his instruments to comfort those who suffer, to lift the spirit of the depressed, and to bring his love and hope to those broken in body and spirit.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our society never lose respect for human dignity and life. May we care for and defend the elderly, the sick, the poor, the disabled, the refugees, and children.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May consecrated persons continue to evangelise the health-care centres in which they work, striving to spread the light of Gospel values to the way of living, suffering, and dying of the people of our day.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the Lord welcome our departed brothers and sisters into his kingdom where they will behold God face to face, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

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.

**Celebrant:** God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ revealed how close you are to us, especially to those who suffer. Hear our prayers and give us joy and serenity as we continue to work for your kingdom.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.