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

**SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER**

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

**Introduction:**

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

The master praises the steward in today’s parable not for being dishonest but for being clever.

The Lord is saying to us: “You see how resourceful the children of this world are!

Would that you, the children of light, were as capable as they are!” We have to be wise and clever with the things of the world in order to survive today.

Can we not be just as wise and clever in matters of the spirit, in

the acquisition of treasures that last forever?

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is:

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Am 8:4-7)

*A reading from the prophet Amos*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over

so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,

‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7)

***R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.***

**1.** Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed

both now and for evermore! (R.)

**2.** High above all nations is the Lord,

above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God,

who has risen on high to his throne

yet stoops from the heights to look down,

to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

**3.** From the dust he lifts up the lowly,

from the dung heap he raises the poor

to set him in the company of princes,

yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (1 Tm 2:1-8)

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

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet.

To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all.

He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,

to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 16:1-13)

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

#### Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”

#### ‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

#### ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

#### ‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

#### ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray that we may become wise and responsible stewards of what has been entrusted to us by the Lord. Relying on his grace more than on our strength and capacities we pray.

**Reader:**  May those in positions of authority and stewardship— Church and political leaders, parents and educators—prove to be good stewards, attentive to the needs of those under their care.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** In the face of the widening gap between the rich and the poor, may our government officials, economic leaders, and influential businessmen and businesswomen help to create a social agenda that will alleviate and address the plight of the poor.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** — May the human dignity of each one be respected, and may all help to stop the exploitation of the poor and the oppression of the weak.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our lay people witness to the values of the Gospel in the vast and complex worlds of politics, economics, industry, education, the mass media, science and technology.

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:** God our Father, make us aware of your many gifts. Help us to be thankful and to share willingly what we have. This we ask Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.