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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Introduction:**

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reveals to us God’s true face. God is Creator and Savior, but he is above all Father. He is the Father who so loves the world that he sends us his only Son Jesus Christ. In turn, Jesus teaches us that he is also our Father. The Holy Spirit enables us to call God in confidence and familiarity.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by **Fr Oliver**

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

First Reading

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly

and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction

you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,

your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children,

and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test.”’

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Priest:** — The Lord Jesus asks us to pray with confidence to the Father. In a special way, we pray for our needs, the needs of our community and of the Church.

**Reader:** That the Pope, bishops, priests, and deacons, may radiate in their life and service the Father’s love and care for his children.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** — That our government leaders see themselves not as masters lording it over the people but as guardians entrusted with the welfare of all, especially the poor and the weak.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who are discouraged by the pains of their trials and sickness may not close their hearts but learn to grow through their suffering for the Father in heaven is with them.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who do not believe in God or know him as Father may come to acknowledge the Lord as the one true God and Father of us all.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the children in our parish preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they grow in faith as they follow Jesus’ ways and come to understand more fully his love for them.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all our departed family, friends and parishioners, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, may they experience the fullness of God’s love.

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:** Father, hear the prayers of your children. Help us to grow in love for one another and become more perfect witnesses of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.