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

**EASTER SUNDAY**

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

Jesus our Lord is risen. Alleluia! Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead. This is the central mystery of our faith as Christians.

We, too, are invited to rise with Jesus. But first we have to die to our old self, our selfish desires, hopelessness, and misery. Our confidence lies in Jesus who conquered the power of sin and death. United with him, we too can become new persons.

The Celebrant for this Mass is **Fr. Oliver Aro**

Please join in singing the entrance hymn.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**MASS READINGS**

**FIRST READING (Acts 10:34. 37-43)**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24)**

***(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

**1.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’  **(R.)**

**2.** The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.. **(R.)**

**3.** The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING  (Col 3:1-4)**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (Jn 20:1-9)**

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Christ is the Lord of life, raised up by the Father; in turn he will raise us up by his power. Let us address our petitions to the heavenly Father.

**Reader:** — We pray for the Church. That Pope Francis and all our church leaders will continue to lead the Church with courage towards a future full of hope, mercy and compassion. We pray.

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for Christian Unity. That all people of faith throughout the world may respect one another and celebrate what they have in common.

We pray.

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for world leaders on this Easter Sunday. That they will act with justice and integrity in the face of national and international conflict. May all countries experiencing political conflict, find peace and reconciliation.

We pray.

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for people throughout the world who are suffering as a result of all kinds of disaster: those whose lives have been torn apart and who have lost relatives, friends, homes, towns and their livelihoods. May the risen Christ lead them from despair into hope. We pray

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for the poor, the sick and the dying: that those who care for them will show them the love of the Risen Lord and give them strength to bear their sorrows. We pray.

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for those who have died, for members of our families and for our friends who have gone before us. May the Risen Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of His kingdom. We pray.

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray our parish community prayer for Easter:

**All:** God of power and might, by your holy will you raised Jesus from the dead so that we might share his life eternally. As we rejoice and give you thanks for your great goodness and mercy, help us to reach out to those who do not yet believe in the truth of the gospel.

Fill us with your compassion so that we may serve the weak and needy

for love of you.

Strengthen the faith of our families so that we may grow together in love. May your joy grow in us day by day.

**Priest:** Father, your Son conquered the power of death. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives, through Jesus our Lord who lives and reigns

with you for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.