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

**SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2023**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Introduction**

Good Morning / Evening and welcome to the parish of Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill – Schofields.

We all have a mission in life. Sometimes, however, we can live without any real purpose or focus. Jesus reminds us today that we have been called and chosen to participate with him in spreading the Good News.

In our prayer today, we might like to dialogue with Jesus about how we might live out our mission concretely in our daily lives.

Our Mass with be celebrate today by

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Ex 19:2-6)**

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3)**

***(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.***

**1.** Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

**2.** Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

**3.** Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (Rom 5:6-11)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mt 9:36 – 10:8)**

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

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — In Jesus Christ we are reconciled to the Father and made his adopted children. Confident of the Father’s love, let us raise our petitions to him who is Lord of life.

**Reader:** That the Church may persevere in proclaiming the Gospel and lead men and women to Christ, the true light that enlightens every human being.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That Pope Francis, the bishops, priests, and deacons may witness to the saving power of the Gospel in season and out of season, even amid opposition, unbelief, and lukewarmness.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That government and civil leaders may help safeguard human dignity, promote peace among peoples, and attend to the needs of the poor, the weak, and the voiceless in society.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our Diocesan Synod may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide our journey so that we experience renewal in our local Church today and for generations to come.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For us now gathered before the Lord: may we obtain the strength and courage to let go of our fears, face the challenges of life, and bear witness to God’s love.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the dead especially those mentioned in our bulletin, that they may share in your glory together with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray for the succession of the Synod:

**All:** O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we are called to go out into the deep.

Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, Pray for us.

St Mary Of the Cross Mackillop, Pray for us.

**Priest:** Almighty Father, hear the prayers of your people. Heal the wounds of sin that divide and confuse us. Strengthen us with the power of your Spirit and help us in our journey back to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.