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

**EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR C**

**Introduction.**

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

Jesus our Lord is risen. Alleluia!

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. As the apostle, Paul tells us, if Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith in him is useless. We are invited to rise with Jesus. But first we have to die to our old self, our sinfulness, and selfish desires. Only then shall we rise again as new men and women: repentant, full of hope and happiness. Our confidence lies in Jesus who conquered the power of sin and death. United with him, we too can become new persons.

Please stand for the Entrance song and procession.

Today’s celebrant is Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### 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.)

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#### SECOND READING  (Col 3:1-4)

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

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.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

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.

 **Commentator: Please stand**

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises to replace Creed**

**P —** Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

**Celebrant:** Do you renounce Satan?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** And all his works?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** And all his empty show?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**All —** I do.

**Celebrant:** And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**All — Amen.**

**(*The celebrant sprinkles the people with holy water. A fitting song may be sung*.)**

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Rejoicing in the Spirit of life who raised Jesus from the dead, let us pray to the almighty Father that we may bear witness to the resurrection of his Son. Let us joyfully say:

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** — May the Church always proclaim with joyful heart Christ’s victory to a world living in sin, agony, and fear.

We pray,

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** May ecclesiastical and government leaders carry their belief in the resurrection of Christ to those who are suffering because of terrorism, racial discrimination, extrajudicial killings, and poverty.

We pray,

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** May all baptized believers die to their sins and live up to their dignity as children of God.

We pray,

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** May the light of the risen Christ bless the efforts of those who care for the sick, the elderly, the handicapped, and the depressed.

We pray,

**R — Lord, hear Our Prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention 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 our parish community prayer for Easter Sunday:

**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 death. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives, through Jesus our Lord who lives and reigns with you forever and ever

**All:** Amen.

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