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

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD & VOCATIONS WEEK**

**AUGUST 6TH**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

As Jesus and his disciples travel to Jerusalem, their journey is interrupted by an experience of Jesus’ transfiguration. Up on the mountain, the three disciples get a glimpse of their Master’s future glory. The experience lasts but a few moments, but it is a source of fresh courage and new strength that will sustain them before the scandal of the cross.

**WRITE SOMETHING FOR VOCATIONS WEEK**

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Dn 7:9-10. 13-14)**

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.)**

***(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.***

**1.**The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,

let all the coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment;

his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

**2.** The mountains melt like wax

before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;

all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

**3.** For you indeed are the Lord

most high above all the earth

exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (2 Pt 1:16-19)**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.’ We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:

listen to him.

Alleluia!!

**Gospel (Mt 17:1-9)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.

Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — During this National Vocations Awareness Week we pray that those who are called to the Priesthood and the Religious Life may be given the help they need to perceive and pursue their vocations.

**Reader:** For Pope Francis: that he will feed and care for his people like as a good shepherd.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For priests: that they will place you at the centre of all the do, so that they will grow in holiness and to serve your people well.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those in our Parish whom God is calling to the Priesthood and the Religious Life: that the grace they receive from the ongoing prayer of every member of this Parish may help them to discern and respond to their vocations.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For married couples: that they will live their vocation in faith, hope and love, and, by their example, share with their children the joy of being called by God.

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 our beloved dead, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, Lord, give them a heavenly inheritance together with the angels and saints.

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:** Father, touch our hearts and make us receptive to your grace. Grant us a contrite heart and steadfast spirit to remain faithful to you and your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen.