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

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C**

**Introduction.**

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

At the Last Supper, before his departure, Jesus leaves a sign by which the disciples will be known as his very own: their love for one another. And the

measure of this love is the love of Jesus for them which makes Jesus stoop down to wash their feet and to die on the cross.

The seal of our belonging to Christ remains the same: our love for the Lord and for one another. May we remain faithful to this commandment.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

**FIFTH Sunday OF easter - Year C**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING   (Acts 14:21-27)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1)

***(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

#### 1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

#### slow to anger, abounding in love.

#### How good is the Lord to all,

#### compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

#### 2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

#### and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

#### They shall speak of the glory of your reign

#### and declare your might, O God,

#### to make known to men your mighty deeds

#### and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

#### 3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;

#### your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Rv 21:1-5)

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

*I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is*

*God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’*

*Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I am making the whole of creation new.’*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Jn 13:31-35)

#### *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

#### *When Judas had gone Jesus said:*

#### *‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,*

#### *and in him God has been glorified.*

#### *If God has been glorified in him,*

#### *God will in turn glorify him in himself,*

#### *and will glorify him very soon.*

#### *My little children,*

#### *I shall not be with you much longer.*

#### *I give you a new commandment:*

#### *love one another;*

#### *just as I have loved you,*

#### *you also must love one another.*

#### *By this love you have for one another,*

#### *everyone will know that you are my disciples.’*

#### *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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**SUNDAY 19th MAY**

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Let us pray to our Father in heaven that we may be faithful to the new commandment given to us that by which we shall be known as Christ’s followers.

**Reader:** — For the leaders of the Church: may God’s love strengthen and nourish them as they defend the sanctity of life and balanced justice.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who do not believe in God or in Christ Jesus: May they recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of the Lord’s love and mercy so that one day they too may gladly call on the one true God and the one Saviour of the world.

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:

**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:** God our Father, we, your children, come before you.

Renew our hearts and give us love which knows no limits, that we may be true disciples of Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.