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

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Introduction:**

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

Greed is like a monster which feeds both on the greedy person and the victims of his greed. Once the desire for material things takes control of our hearts, we lose interest in important values like honesty and family ties. God is replaced by mammon, the idol of wealth. Jesus warns us that the greedy person has no place in the Kingdom. Such a person is a fool who thinks that by amassing riches, he can grow rich in the sight of God.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23)

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1)

***R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

#### 1. You turn men back into dust

#### and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’

#### To your eyes a thousand years

#### are like yesterday, come and gone,

#### no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

#### 2. You sweep men away like a dream,

#### like grass which springs up in the morning.

#### In the morning it springs up and flowers:

#### by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

#### 3. Make us know the shortness of our life

#### that we may gain wisdom of heart.

#### Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

#### Show pity to your servants. (R.)

#### 4. In the morning, fill us with your love;

#### we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

#### Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

#### give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Col 3:1-5, 9-11)

*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.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 12:13-21)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied, ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

#### Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Priest:** — God alone suffices. Let us pray that we may put our trust in him rather than in what the world promises. With humility and trust, let us say to him:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our Holy Father – Pope Francis, our Bishop and all who lead us in faith; may they sustain us in fidelity to Christ and to the Church.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** — For our priests, deacons and religious, especially those in our community; may our prayers and support sustain them in fidelity and courage.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who suffer in our community from physical, emotional and spiritual pain, may Christ console and strengthen them.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all young people, may they put their trust in the things of God by responding to the call to a vocation to priesthood and consecrated life.

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 vocations.**

**All: God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, in trust we make these prayers, and those of our hearts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.