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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**

**Introduction:**

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

The Gospel today, the last Sunday before Ascension, is part of Jesus’ farewell discourse. Jesus tells his disciples to get out of their isolation, go forth, and bear fruit. In this Eucharist, we celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love. Because God has loved us first and has sent his Son for love of us, may we remain in that love, and love others in return.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by

Please stand and join in singing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt

at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand

up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man after all!’

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’

he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of

any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable

to him.’

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

***(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

 His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. ***(R.)***

1. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. ***(R.)***
2. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (***R.)***

**SECOND READING  1 Jn 4:7-10**

***A reading from the first letter of St John***

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean:

not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL   Jn 15:9-17**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his

love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy

be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his

friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not

Know his master’s business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I

have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will

give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Let us now turn to our loving Father through the power of Holy Spirit and present to him our needs as well as those of the Church and of the world.

**Reader:** — That the Holy Father Francis, bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders may know the power of the Holy Spirit so that they may be compassionate shepherds and defenders of God’s people,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who carry the task of leadership and service in society and in government may be given the wisdom and strength to carry out their responsibilities,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That Christians whose faith is weak and whose hope is tested may find strength in the Holy Spirit who is our consoler and defender,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That, as temples of the Holy Spirit, we may learn to value ourselves and one another, shun corruption and sin, and give glory to our heavenly Father

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May those who have died, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, may be welcomed into the company of the saints and together sing the eternal praise of God.

 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:** Lord God, Jesus your Son commanded us to love one another and showed us a marvellous example in his own life. May we grow in love so that we may be worthy of being called your children.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.