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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

The Gospel today dwells on the necessity of putting our commitment to the Lord into

action. It is the person who ultimately goes to work in the Lord’s vineyard who pleases him and will receive his reward. May our Eucharistic celebration ignite our spirit to work with passion in the Lord’s vineyard.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING    Ez 18:25-28

***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel***

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object,

“What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what

I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright

man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this,

he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When

the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he

deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins;

he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18**

***(R) Remember your mercies, O Lord.***

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. ***(R.)***
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. ***(R.)***
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor..***(R.)***

#### SECOND READING    Phil 2:1-11

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,

yet he did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### SECOND READING:   [Phil 2:1-5](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryList%7Cphi#phi002) (Shorter form)

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

#### My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

#### I know them, and they follow me.

#### Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL   Mt 21:28-32

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went.

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — Let us pray to the Father that as we heed his call we may respond consistently in words and in deeds.

**Reader:** May our Church leaders go out of their comfort zones and heed the call of God to be heralds of the Gospel by consistently helping the poor, the hungry, and victims of natural calamities and terrorism.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That each of us will turn away from hate, bear no ill-will against others, nor hold resentment or anger in our relationships.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May all teachers and catechists not only focus to the kind of education which is merely a matter of handing on the knowledge but lay the foundations for every human being’s moral conscience.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we may undergo a change of heart and of lifestyle: truly being stewards of creation, loving and caring for our earth rather than exploiting and abusing it for self-serving ends

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:** That those who have died and who valued that life for them was Christ, may now live fully in him in heaven, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

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, by your Spirit of love and mercy, help us to have the heart and mind of Christ which consistently seek your will in every moment of our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.