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

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

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

Jesus reminds us in our Gospel today that we are simply God’s servants doing no more than our duty. Having this kind of disposition reveals a faith like that of a mustard seed. If we believe that God is the one in control and that our achievements are his, the more we become productive in our Christian life. For it is in weakness and humility that

God’s greatness shines.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is:

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

*A reading from the prophet Habakkuk*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help

while you will not listen;

to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear

and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,

why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,

all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

‘Write the vision down,

inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only:

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,

but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8)

***(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

**1.** Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

**2.** Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us

for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

**3.** O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **(R.)**

#### SECOND READING (2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14)

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 17:5-10)

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

#### The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

#### ‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us ask the Lord to increase our faith and stir into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may live as his faithful servants. In trust, we pray to him.

**Reader:**  May our religious and political leaders see themselves as servants entrusted with the care of his people, and so serve them with care. May they not get discouraged when their work is not appreciated, but rely on the goodness of the Lord.

We pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May we thank the Lord for all his blessings and show our gratefulness by sharing our blessings with others.

We Pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** May we stir into flame God’s gift of the Spirit and give witness to our faith by working for peace and solidarity in our family and community.

We Pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** May the Lord prosper the works of our hands, give us a bountiful harvest, comfort the sick and the dying, and banish kidnapping and terrorism in our land.

We Pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: May our parishioners preparing for their Year 12, University and TAFE exams do so with fortitude, patience and dedication.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned 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 the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love**

**you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our**

**youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

**Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the**

**aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

**May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become**

**deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Hear our petitions, Father, and deepen our faith as we continue our journey on to your kingdom. Make our faith strong, our humility deep, and our love sincere.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.