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

**SEA SUNDAY – Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris**

**Introduction:**

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is asked, “What must I do to inherit everlasting life?” It is a question that we ourselves earnestly ask today.

What must we do in order to be saved? Jesus narrates to us the parable of the Good Samaritan, a story in which people have friends and enemies, meet accidents, avoid trouble, or go out of their way to help someone.

To be a neighbor is to be more human: one who is more sensitive to life and to the joys and pains of people. It is in being a neighbor that our faith is shown for what it really is, and not merely as an article of faith or teaching.

This Sunday we also celebrate Sea Sunday the apostolic work of the Catholic Church caring for the spiritual, social, and material welfare of all Seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed. We remember them in our prayers.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

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

#### SUNDAY 14TH JULY

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING  (Dt 30:10-14)

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33)

***R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.***

#### 1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

#### In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:

#### Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

#### 2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.

#### I will praise God’s name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

#### 3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;

#### for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)

#### 4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

#### The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

#### SECOND READING (Col 1:15-20)

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God

and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything

invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 10:25-37)

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

#### There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours.’

#### But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him,’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same yourself.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**Seafarer’s Sunday**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — Let us pray to the Father that we may learn to imitate his unconditional love as depicted in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. With all sincerity, we pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the ministers of the Church—Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and deacons—may not only speak about love, but be compassionate and loving, so that after preaching to others, they themselves may receive the gift of salvation,

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those whose profession is to help the sick and the needy—doctors, nurses, social workers—may be strongly motivated by gentleness and love for those they help,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all seafarers, men and women, who work on the oceans far from land and their homes. Bless them, give them strength and comfort and return them safely to their families.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all the fishermen going out to the dangerous and treacherous seas with their boats to catch fish to feed their families and the whole nation - we pray for their safe passage and for and a catch of fish that is abundant.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the children in our parish preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they grow in faith as they follow Jesus’ ways and come to understand more fully his love for them.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all our departed family, friends and parishioners, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, may they experience the fullness of God’s love.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our parish community prayer for Seafarer’s Sunday.**

**All:** O Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,

Guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may

reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb,

for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life’s journey, that in heart and mind,

in word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm,

we will always look to Christ and say,

“Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?”

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pray for us.

**Celebrant:** Father of all mercies, we come to you with praise and gratitude for your loving concern. May your Spirit be always with us as we strive to live your commandment of love. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.