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

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

The Gospel presents Jesus as the prophet of God, teaching and acting with authority. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as “the Holy One of God” and submitting to his command.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm:**

**Sunday 7.30am:**

**Sunday 9.00am:**

**Sunday 10.30am:**

**Sunday 12.30pm:**

**Sunday 5.30pm:**

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Dt 18:15-20)**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen.

This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said.

I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9)**

**(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 kneel 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 (1 Cor 7:32-35)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry.

An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit.

The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband.

I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mk 1:21-28)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’

But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’

And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — The almighty Father has given us new life in Christ Jesus who came to heal, to forgive, and to offer his life for us.

**Reader:** May Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, ever become the Lord’s heart, hands, and feet as they continue to love, to heal, and to travel to announce the good news.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May government leaders, teachers and other educators, media people, and social workers responsibly promote, defend, and preserve the sanctity and dignity of human life against the culture of violence and death.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the Church in Australia, that in the quest for holiness, she may be humble before the Lord, repent of her sins, open her arms in mercy, and be a servant to the poor and needy.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the Indigenous people of Australia, that their diversity of language, culture and spirituality will enhance all who live on this land, while they also receive respect and justice as Australian citizens.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our Catholic Youth and Young Adults in this Australian Year of Youth, that they may be proud of this land in which they live and contribute to society with generosity of spirit.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our family members, relatives, and friends who have died experience everlasting joy in the company of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer.**

**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.

**Celebrant:** Father, hear our prayers. Let your Word and Eucharist be our strength and delight as we make our journey toward your kingdom.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.