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

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

**Introduction:**

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

Jesus tells us today that mere external observance of God’s law does not make us his true followers. Our observance of the divine law must spring from inner conviction.

May our Eucharistic celebration make us grow in love—a love that is free, responsible, and self-giving.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

#### SIXth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Sir 15:15-20)

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,

to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a men likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1)**

***(R) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***

#### 1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God’s law!

#### They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

#### 2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

#### May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

#### 3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

#### Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

#### 3. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

#### Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

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#### SECOND READING  (1 Cor 2:6-10)

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.

It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37)

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

#### Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

#### ‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

#### ’You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

#### ‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us raise our hearts to our heavenly Father who listens to the humble petitions of his children. May his love empower us to live as salt of the earth and light of the world.

**Reader:** For the Church: may she become the light of Christ to the world and remain faithful to the Gospel.

 *We Pray:*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our government leaders: may they continue to fight corruption, oppression, and discrimination particularly against the least, the lost, and the last.

*We Pray:*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our respective communities: may they continue to bear the light of Christ to the lonely, the downtrodden, and those who are suffering in soul and in body, and become the salt that satisfies their longing for healing

 *We Pray:*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That members of our Christian community continue to be inspired by the Word of God and enjoy one another’s presence and support and know that as disciples of Jesus we are never alone when we work for God’s kingdom.

*We Pray:*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the sick and the infirm: may they find healing and comfort in those who take care of them.

*We Pray:*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our beloved dead, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin: may they receive the light, happiness, and peace in the. Lord, and rejoice in his glory forever.

*We Pray:*

**All: 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.

**Priest: Heavenly Father, let the light of your salvation shine upon us. Help us to become your true light of love in our service to others.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**