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

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

**FATHERS DAY**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

In the Gospel, Peter judges by worldly standards when he objects to Jesus’ announcement that the latter is going to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise again. Jesus replies that he and his followers must embrace the inseparable mysteries of the cross and the resurrection. Let us pray for the faith to accept the cross as a part of our life in following Jesus who saved the world by his passion, death, and resurrection.

This weekend we celebrate and give thanks to God for the special gift of our fathers. We pray for fathers who are living. We remember fathers who have died. We are grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. We celebrate the love of all fathers on Father’s Day and are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called ‘Father.’

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Jer 20:7-9)**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2)**

***(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

**1.** O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

**2.** So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

**3.** So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

**4.** For you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (Rom 12:1-2)**

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

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our heart,

that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mt 16:21-27)**

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

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**twenty-SECOND Sunday in Ordinary Time & father’s day Year A**

**Priest:** Sisters and brothers, gathered in the name of Jesus we know that he is with us, and so we can be confident in our prayer, especially as we mark this Fathers’ Day.

**Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, our bishops and all in the Church who give voice to the plight of everyone.

We pray:

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

**Reader:** May fathers and father-figures receive blessings from God this day, be confident in their role, receive respect from their children, and be supported in their needs.

 We pray:

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

**Reader:** May those men who are about to become fathers; that they may always be instruments of grace in the lives of their children,

 We pray:

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

**Reader:** May the special gift of all men who are not fathers but who nurture those in their care.

 We pray:

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

**Reader:** May those fathers who have died but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

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:** For our beloved dead, especially all the deceased fathers and those

 mentioned in our parish bulletin, Lord, give them heavenly

 inheritance together with the angels and saints.

 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:** Christ is our peace, and through him may we help build “one family of brothers and sisters in our diverse societies “acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God”.

 We ask through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**