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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C**

**Introduction.**

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

At Pentecost, the apostles receive the Holy Spirit, marking the official start of their mission. They are to preach the Gospel to all peoples. The presence of the

Spirit is a guarantee that their mission will not simply be a human endeavour but the work of God—the continuation of Jesus’ saving mission.

The “tongues of fire” mark the apostles’ inner transformation.

Since they are to communicate God to others, God must be present in them like fire that enkindles frozen hearts, and shines through the darkness of sin and unbelief.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING   (Acts 2:1-11)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished.

‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’ Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30)

***(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.***

#### 1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

#### Lord God, how great you are,

#### How many are your works, O Lord!

#### The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

#### 2. You take back your spirit, they die,

#### returning to the dust from which they came.

#### You send forth your spirit, they are created;

#### and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

#### 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

#### May the Lord rejoice in his works!

#### May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

#### I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13)

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

*No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.*

*There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.*

*Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Jn 20:19-23)

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

#### In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

#### ‘As the Father sent me,

#### so am I sending you.’

#### After saying this he breathed on them and said:

#### ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

#### For those whose sins you forgive,

#### they are forgiven;

#### for those whose sins you retain,

#### they are retained.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Filled with paschal joy, let us pray earnestly to the Father that he, who graciously bestowed the Holy Spirit on the apostles, may now send upon us the same Spirit to fill our hearts with truth and charity.

**Reader:** — For the shepherds of our souls: may they have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by God by listening intently to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who hold public office and those who assist them in promoting the common good: may they always seek guidance and inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those suffer from isolation and sickness: may they be strengthened by our love for them as brothers and sisters.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For missionaries and workers of evangelization: may the fire of the Holy Spirit embolden them to preach the Gospel wherever they are

We pray,

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular, those mention 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 our parish community prayer for Pentecost:

 **All:** Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people,

Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions and temper our impulses.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.

Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed. Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray

**Priest:** Incline your merciful ear to our prayers, we ask, O Lord, and listen in kindness to the supplications of those who call on you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.