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

**SUNDAY, 9TH JULY 2023:**

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

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

Jesus reveals to us what is hidden to the learned and the clever: that true peace and happiness can be ours if we live in him and for him.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

**Sat 5.30pm Vigil –**

**Sun 7.30am-**

**Sun 9am-**

**Sun 10.30am –**

**Sun 12.30pm-**

**Sun 5.30pm-**

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

**SUNDAY, 9TH JULY 2023:**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Zec 9:9-10)**

**A reading from the prophet Zechariah**

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1)**

***(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

**1.** I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

**2.** The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

**3.** All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

**4.** The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down.. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (Rom 8:9.11-13)**

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

*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 11:25-30)**

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

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**SUNDAY, 9TH JULY 2023:**

**Forteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year c**

**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.

**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 government officials may not only focus on administering the basic services of government to the community but also design and implement programs that would improve the living condition of all citizens,

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:** 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 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:** 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 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 listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way 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.

**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