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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B**

**Introduction:**

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

Pentecost marks a fresh start for all of us Jesus announces the peace that comes with his victory over death.

He gives us the Holy Spirit with the power to forgive and conquer sin. Like the apostles, we are strengthened by the Spirit to face the challenges of the world. The Holy Spirit showers us with gifts. Let us use these for the building up of the Church, the Body of Christ.

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.’

*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.)***

1. 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.)***

1. 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: Gal 5:16-25**

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

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**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 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes,

whom I shall send to you from the Father,

the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,

he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,

because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you

but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes

he will lead you to the complete truth,

since he will not be speaking as from himself

but will say only what he has learnt;

and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,

since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us ask the heavenly Father to fill us with the Holy Spirit, aid us in our weakness, and be our advocate and guide.

**Reader:** Fill the hearts of our Church leaders with your Spirit, that they may discover their charisms in order to actively participate in proclaiming your truth to all.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Send your Spirit to government and civil leaders and rekindle the fire of their heart, that they may use their power and authority in the service of truth and liberation of our people.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Fill all consecrated men and women, missionaries, and workers of evangelization with your Spirit, that the Good News of salvation may reach the whole world and people may come to know you and your Son Jesus.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the children in our parish preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May they grow in faith as they follow Jesus’ ways and come to understand more fully his love for them.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Send your Holy Spirit to comfort the elderly, the sick, and the dying, and to give eternal life to those who have died and those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

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.

**Priest:** Father in heaven, listen to your people gathered in prayer. Send us your Holy Spirit and transform us, as you transformed the disciples at Pentecost.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.