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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

The Gospel parable of the Sower reminds us that for God’s Word to yield a good harvest in our lives, we must prepare the soil by receiving the Word with our hearts and minds and by heeding its call to action.

In this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord for the courage to think, decide, and act according to the Gospel.

Today is Sea Sunday the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**   **Am 7:12-15**

**A reading from the prophet Amos**

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

***(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.***

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land.  ***(R.)***

1. Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven. ***(R.)***

1. The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. (***R.)***

**SECOND READING  Eph 1:3-14**

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our hearts

that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Mk 6:7-13**

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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — The Lord Jesus calls blessed those who listen to his word and put it into practice. Let us pray to the Father that we may be not just listeners but doers of the word.

**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 all seafarers, men and women, who work on the oceans far from land and their homes. Bless them, give them strength and comfort and return them safely to their families.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That 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:** That those who are severely tried by suffering and anxiety, those who are tempted by the values of the world, and those who grow cold in faith, may hold on to God’s word for courage and consolation.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we may joyfully serve the Lord and our brothers and sisters in ordinary circumstances.

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 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.

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, hear our supplications. Do not allow us to be overwhelmed by confusion, doubt, and discord, but fill us with faith and courage in Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.