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

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

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

Belief in the afterlife and in heaven is at the heart of Christian faith. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that at the end of our earthly life, we shall render an account of it. Those who have led evil lives will be condemned, while those who are just will join the company of the holy ones in the Heavenly Banquet.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14)

*A reading from the second book of Maccabees*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15)

***(R) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.***

#### 1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,

#### pay heed to my cry.

#### Turn your ear to my prayer:

#### no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

#### 2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;

#### there was no faltering in my steps.

#### I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

#### Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

#### 3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.

#### Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

#### As for me, in my justice I shall see your face

#### and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5)

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone.

But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you.

May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 20:27-38)

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

#### Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother.

#### Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children.

#### Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

#### Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God.

#### And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Father that amid the many concerns and anxieties of life, we may never lose sight of our final destiny: to be with God in his glory. Full of trust, we pray.

**Reader:**  That our spiritual leaders and all consecrated men and women may always remind us of spiritual values and inspire us to seek first the kingdom of God,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our political and civil leaders may listen to their consciences and reverence God, from whom all authority emanates; may they use their authority for the good of the people, mindful that someday they shall render an account to God,

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who enjoy worldly pleasures as if there were no other life beyond the present one may set their hopes on the heavenly treasure which alone gives true and lasting happiness,

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin and the names written on our memorial wall. 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 the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**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.**

**Priest:** Father, hear the prayers of your people and raise our minds to you. Guide us in our journey to your kingdom and sustain us with lively faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**