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

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

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it.

Today’s readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Jon 3:1-5. 10)**

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4)**

**(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

 Make me walk in your truth,

 and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.)**

1. Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

1. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 7:29-31)**

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mk 1:14-20)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — Sisters and brothers, the call of the fishermen to follow Jesus was given to us in our baptism and is renewed every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

**Reader:** May Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and deacons be filled with joy and strength when they feel that they are short in faith, in moral ascendancy, and even in basic necessities.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the Indigenous People of Australia, that as we approach Australia Day, they will be respected and receive the supports they need for housing, health care, education and employment, as we honour their culture and spirituality.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For each other, that we will always celebrate the gift of our baptism, knowing that each day brings the invitation to continue to follow Jesus with integrity and charity, so that we become a source of grace for all whom we meet.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all who have died in tragic circumstances in recent times through road accidents in Australia. We remember also those deceased mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God receive them into his eternal 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.

**Priest:** Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in truth,

remember your mercies and be humble at all times.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.