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

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – (CORPUS CHRISTI) - YR A COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

Today is the Solemnity of “Corpus Christi,” that is, the celebration of the Most Holy

Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is a living memorial of Christ’s redeeming sacrifice that has sealed the new and everlasting covenant.

Our human mind cannot fathom the sublime mystery of Christ’s sacramental presence. But we dare repeat with faith: “We adore you devoutly, O Godhead unseen, who truly lie hidden under the appearances of Bread and Wine.”

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**(CORPUS CHRISTI) - YEAR A**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Dt 8:2-3. 14-16)**

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12)**

***(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.***

**1.** O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,

he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

**2.** He has established peace on your borders,

he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

**3.** He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 10:16-17)**

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Jn 6:51-58)**

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

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — Let us pray to God the Father, that through his Son Jesus, the Bread of Life, he may nourish the hunger of his people.

**Reader:** — That the Church, the People of God, may remain faithful to the Paschal Mystery of Christ, so that the Eucharist may ever become a communion with Christ and with one another in unity and loving service.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the heavenly Father may give his children their “daily bread,” which includes their spiritual nourishment through the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That men and women may not just seek after what satisfies hunger and thirst, but also the food that gives eternal life, the Body of Christ.

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:** For the dead especially those mentioned in our bulletin, that they may share in your glory together with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

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:** God our Father, may our worship of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son help us to experience his salvation and win for us the happiness of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.