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

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &**

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - YEAR A**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

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

God’s blessings are bestowed on us not only for the good of self but for the building of God’s kingdom here on earth. If we use our talents for the spread of Christ’s Gospel and for the benefit of our brothers and sisters, then we have profitably invested them, proving ourselves trustworthy servants of the Lord.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Wis 6:12-16)**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,

and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2)**

***(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

**2.** So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

**3.** So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

**4.** On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18)**

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord’s own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord’s coming will not have any advantage over those who have died.

At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Mt 25:1-13)**

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived.

Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly,

I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — Let us pray to the Father that we may learn to prepare for his Son’s coming by using well our gifts and every good opportunity so that our lives will yield a rich increase of love for the benefit of his glory.

**Reader:** May the Church, the people of God, be enlightened and sanctified by God’s wisdom so that they may use well their talents and gifts for the building up of the Church

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our nation Australia. That any hurt or division caused during the National Marriage Postal Survey will be healed and that we will respect the rights and freedoms of speech, conscience, and religion of all in our land.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** On this World Day of the Poor, that all those who experience poverty and injustice around the world, that they will be able to have all they need to live a good life and care for their families

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all of us gathered here, that each of us will do all we can to show

Christ’s mercy to others, especially to poor and vulnerable people around the world who suffer most.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who grieve for their departed ones may be strengthened by their hope in the life hereafter, and that those who have gone ahead of us may share the joy of the heavenly banquet, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin and our parish wall of remembrance.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer for the World Day of the Poor.**

**All:** God, Our Father, as we commemorate the First World Day of the Poor,

We pray for our family and for all families who experience poverty around the world.

When we eat, we thank you for our meal and we remember families who do not have enough food.

We do not waste what we have, and we share our food with others.

When we play, we thank you for the gift of free time and safety and we pray especially for all the children around the world who are not able to play freely.

When we pray, we thank you for our family and we pray for all families around the world who live in poverty.

May you be with them, and help our family to always remember to reach out to them.

**Celebrant:** Grant our petitions, O Father, and strengthen us to live as your faithful servants, ever mindful of your goodness and gifts to us.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.