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

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

**Introduction:**

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

Today, on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday we celebrate the contributions that we Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, and all who have gone before us, gift to our Australian Catholic Church. Our culture, spirituality and commitment to Jesus Christ is a shining example of God’s love and wonder.

We often seek God in the spectacular. The sun rises and sets every day, attesting to God’s providential care, but we prefer to look for God in the “dancing sun.” We pray for miracles of healing—all the while that God heals us of our bodily and spiritual ailments through the sacraments and the help of loving people.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by **Fr Oliver.**

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**   **Ez 2:2-5**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me.

Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 122. R. v.2**

***(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.***

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens:

my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. ***(R.)***

1. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress,

so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. ***(R.)***

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. (***R.)***

**SECOND READING  2 Cor 12:7-10**

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said,

‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake.

For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Mk 6:1-6**

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

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him.

They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him.

And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**FOURTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time &**

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait islander Sunday - Year B**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Sisters and Brothers, let us pray for the needs of our world, especially the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples during this challenging time.

**Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the clergy, religious and laity. May they be faithful to Christ’s teaching of truth, justice and peace.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all ministers of the Gospel: that they may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and a stronger love for each other.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all who experience all sorts of oppression and discrimination be consoled by your loving kindness through the people around them that they may find the justice they seek.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for unity in our community and culture: that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and every one of us to make reconciliation our story.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, that they be given the opportunity to develop and use their gifts in our Church.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our dearly departed brothers and sisters encounter the salvation of Christ for whom they have toiled and hoped, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Let us now pray our Parish Community Prayer for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

**All:** God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, in times of weakness, we find strength in you. Hear our humble petitions and help us become one another’s strength as we journey back to you, our beginning, and our end.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.