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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

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

Pentecost marks a fresh start for all of us. Jesus announces the peace that comes with his victory over death. He gives us the Holy Spirit with the power to forgive and conquer sin. Like the apostles, we are strengthened by the Spirit to face the challenges of the world.

The Holy Spirit showers us with gifts. Let us use these for the building up of the

Church, the Body of Christ.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language.

They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30)**

***(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.***

**1.** Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

**2.**You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

**3.** May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13)**

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

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

 Alleluia!

**Gospel (Jn 20:19-23)**

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

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**Priest**: — Let us ask the heavenly Father to fill us with the Holy Spirit, aid us in our weakness, and be our advocate and guide.

**Reader:** — Father, fill our hearts with your Spirit, that we may be empowered to call you, “Abba, Father!” and live as your sons and daughters.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Father, send your Spirit to the Church and endow her with the variety of charisms and ministries that the Spirit inspires for her good.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Father, pour out your Spirit on the leaders of our nation that they may use their power and authority in the service and liberation of our people.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Father, fill missionaries and workers of evangelization with your Spirit, that the Good News of salvation may reach the whole world and people may come to know you and your Son Jesus.

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:** Father, send your Holy Spirit to comfort the sick and the dying, and to give eternal life to those who have died.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray for the succession of the Synod:

**All:** O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

 Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

 Keep us anchored in your love.

 Open our hearts as we are called to go out into the deep.

 Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

 May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

 We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen

 Our Lady Help of Christians, Pray for us.

 St Mary Of the Cross Mackillop, Pray for us.

**Priest:** Father in heaven, listen to your people gathered in prayer. Send us your Holy Spirit and transform us, as you transformed the disciples at Pentecost.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.