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

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &**

**FATHERS DAY- YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

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

Jesus reminds us today that the Gospel is not merely a preaching to be accepted but a choice that must be lived in concrete situations. If we accept Christ into our lives, then he must be given priority over our other loves and commitments. Like our Blessed Mother, whose birthday we celebrate today, may we trust in the wisdom of total fidelity to God’s word.

This weekend we celebrate and give thanks to God for the special gift of our fathers. We pray for fathers who are living. We remember fathers who have died. We are grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. We celebrate the love of all fathers on Father’s Day and are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called ‘Father.’

Today we will also have three collections which includes the Father’s Day Appeal for our retired and sick priest of the diocese. Our First collection will take place after the gospel reading. The Father’s Day appeal will take place at the offertory time and our regular second collection will take place after communion.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### TwentY THIRD Sunday in Ordinary Time & CHILD PROTCETION SUNDAY - Year C

#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Wis 9:13-18)

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure

and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,

and saved, by Wisdom.

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1)

***R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

**1.** You turn men back into dust

and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’

To your eyes a thousand years

are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

**2.** You sweep men away like a dream,

like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:

by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

**3.** Make us know the shortness of our life

that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. (R.)

**4.** In the morning, fill us with your love;

we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Phlm 9-10, 12-17)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 14:25-33)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

#### ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** We place our prayers of petition before God, mindful of our sinfulness but confident in the Lord’s mercy.

**Reader:** For Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Vincent and Leaders of Religious Congregations and all entrusted with the care of the Church: That they will continue to help build stronger faith communities that will promote the safety of minors and vulnerable adults.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For our community, which on occasions has not been a safe place: May we work to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: That they may experience true and lasting peace and the courage to tell their story and to reach for healing.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our beloved dead especially those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory, whose love continues to nurture us and those mentioned in our Parish bulletin, may now enjoy the reward of everlasting life, We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray our Parish Prayer for Father’s Day.

**All: Loving God, as a father gives life and nourishment to his children,**

**so you watch over your Church. Bless the men of our parish,**

**that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.**

**Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always**

**with a spirit of profound respect.**

**Priest:** Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and healing, we implore you to hear the prayers we offer and to look favourably on the pleas of your people. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**