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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction**

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches us that those who count for nothing in the world—the poor, the meek, the pure of heart, the persecuted—are the truly blessed. God chooses to be on their side and they are most precious ones in his eyes. Do we see blessedness only in terms of richness, power, and being honoured? Do we involve ourselves to the service of those who are not blessed?

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

OVERVIEW

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,

a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,

who relies on things of flesh,

whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it,

he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,

a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside

that thrusts its roots to the stream:

when the heat comes it feels no alarm,

its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of drought,

and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man

who follows not the counsel of the wicked;

nor lingers in the way of sinners

nor sits in the company of scorners,

but whose delight is the law of the Lord

and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted

beside the flowing waters,

that yields its fruit in due season

and whose leaves shall never fade;

and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff

shall be driven away by the wind.

For the Lord guards the way of the just

but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,

and what they craved the Lord gave them;

they were not disappointed in what they craved.

or

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world

that he gave his Only Begotten Son,

so that all who believe in him may not perish,

but may have eternal life.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Conscious of God’s blessings to us, let us raise our voices to our heavenly Father as we pray for the needs of the whole Church. Full of confidence, we pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the shepherds of the Church: may they put their hope in the Lord who strengthens those who serve his people with integrity.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the rich, the powerful, and the satisfied: may they learn to use the goods of the earth responsibly and in a spirit of sharing.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For government and other institutions: may they have the wisdom, the courage, and the honesty to use their gifts and resources in the service of the country, especially for the poor and the powerless.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For victims of human rights violations, the suffering members of dysfunctional or broken families, and those who have been led astray by irresponsible depictions of sexuality: may they find hope, affection, and assistance from the local authorities and their communities.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all of us: may we be committed in using respectful language, telling the truth, and upholding the dignity of human rights,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention 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:** **Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**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:** Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your people who hope in your infinite mercy. May these petitions help us to see our blessedness above all material goods, possessions, careers, or honours. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.