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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.**

**Introduction**

Good Morning / Evening and welcome to the parish of Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill – Schofields.

On a high mountain, before the eyes of the chosen disciples, Jesus is transfigured.

This glimpse of the Lord’s divinity is meant to encourage the disciples in their following of the Lord. It is also intended to spur us on as we undergo the “Lenten moments” of our lives, when we experience doubts, pains, and life’s absurdities.

With Peter and the other disciples, we can say that we, too, have heard the Father’s voice on the holy mountain. We do well to be attentive to it.

Our Mass with be celebrate today by

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

#### second Sunday OF LENT - Year A

#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Gen 12:1-4)

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

‘I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.’

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22)**

***(R) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***

#### 1. The word of the Lord is faithful

#### and all his works to be trusted.

#### The Lord loves justice and right

#### and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

#### 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,

#### on those who hope in his love,

#### to rescue their souls from death,

#### to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

#### 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

#### The Lord is our help and our shield.

#### May your love be upon us, O Lord,

#### as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (2 Tm 1:8-10)

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### GOSPEL (Mt 17:1-9)

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

#### Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

#### As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**Priest:** Let us earnestly pray to the Father that during this Lenten season we may make a pilgrimage of faith leading to an authentic conversion. May we die to our sinful selves and thus share in the glory of Christ.

**Reader:** Like Abraham journeying to the promised land, may the Church, the people of God, return to the house of the Father through a life of conversion, charity, and dialogue with the world

*We pray.*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May those who are afflicted and tempted to give up be strengthened by the transfiguration of Jesus in their struggle to grow in faith, hope, and love.

*We pray.*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the Lord strengthen our drooping hands and weak knees to carry our daily cross and may the pains we endure bring peace and fruits of holiness.

*We pray.*

**All: Lord, hear our people.**

**Reader:** May the Lord watch over refugees and exiles, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost or have left home, and bring them back safely to the place where they belong.

*We pray.*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May those who have gone before us in faith enjoy the vision of the Lord’s glory for ever in heaven in particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

*We pray.*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer for Lent.**

**All:** Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring us closer to you.

Prepare a place in our homes and hearts for silence and solitude, so that we may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help us to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind us of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge our hearts so that we give to those in need and, in doing so,

re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle our love and faith

in you.

**Priest: Lord, give us the strength to follow Jesus even on the way of the cross. For beyond suffering awaits your glory.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**