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

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

**Introduction:**

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

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly.

Today, on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday we celebrate the contributions that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic brothers and sisters have gifted to our Australian Catholic Church.

Their culture, spirituality and commitment to Jesus Christ is a shining example of God’s love and wonder. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders - past, current and emerging and thank them for their care and love for this land.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

#### Fourteenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING  (Is 66:10-14)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Rejoice, [Jerusalem](http://liturgyhelp.com.au/resource_file/wav/Jerusalem.mp3),

be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her,

all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,

from her consoling breast,

that you may savour with delight

her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing

peace, like a river,

and like a stream in spate

the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried

and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother

will I comfort you.

And by [Jerusalem](http://liturgyhelp.com.au/resource_file/wav/Jerusalem.mp3) you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,

and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

#### *(R.)* Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

#### 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

#### O sing to the glory of his name.

#### O render him glorious praise.

#### Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

#### 2. ‘Before you all the earth shall bow;

#### shall sing to you, sing to your name!’

#### Come and see the works of God,

#### tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

#### 3. He turned the sea into dry land,

#### they passed through the river dry-shod.

#### Let our joy then be in him;

#### he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

#### 4. Come and hear, all who fear God.

#### I will tell what he did for my soul.

#### Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

#### nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Gal 6:14-18)

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

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 10:1-12. 17-20)

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

#### The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’

#### The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — When we see Jesus sending out his disciples as apostles of peace, we are inspired to pray for that gift for which all peoples yearn – true and everlasting peace. With confidence, we pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the Church, People of God, be filled with joy and peaceful hearts as they continue the work of evangelization.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** — May all politicians realize that they too are missionaries called to bear witness to the Gospel in the vast and complex world of politics, economics, industry, education, science, the arts, and the media of social communication.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for our young people whose innocence and inquiring minds speak of Your promises, that they find the love of Jesus in their lives.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for the world’s refugees and asylum seekers, driven from their homes by way of war, famine and persecution; that the heart of Nations will be open to provide welcome and shelter to those in need. Lord, hear us.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all Christians; that they be messengers of the Good News to all the world so that all peoples may come to know the person of Jesus Christ.

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:** For the children in our parish preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they grow in faith as they follow Jesus’ ways and come to understand more fully his love for them.

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: 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:** Father, you sent Jesus to be one with us and to show us your endless love for humanity. May we continue his mission and be worthy to be called his disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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