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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Introduction:**

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

Today’s Gospel describes the beginnings of Jesus’ public ministry. With the first disciples Jesus goes around Galilee, “proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.” Let us heed Jesus’ call to repentance and follow him.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Is 8:23 – 9:3)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow

a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,

you have made their joy increase,

they rejoice in your presence

as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,

the rod of his oppressor,

these you break as on the day of Midian.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1)**

***(R) The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

#### 1. The Lord is my light and my help;

#### whom shall I fear?

#### The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

#### Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

#### 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,

#### for this I long,

#### to live in the house of the Lord,

#### all the days of my life,

#### to savour the sweetness of the Lord,

#### to behold his temple. (R.)

#### 3. I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness

#### in the land of the living.

#### Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

#### Hope in the Lord! (R.)

####  SECOND READING  (1 Cor 1:10-13, 17)

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe’s people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: ‘I am for Paul’, ‘I am for Apollos’, ‘I am for Cephas’, ‘I am for Christ’. Has Christ been parcelled out?

Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Mt 4:12-23)

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

#### Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

#### Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

#### Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

#### Galilee of the nations!

#### The people that lived in darkness

#### has seen a great light;

#### on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

#### a light has dawned.

#### From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

#### Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

#### He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Father, that as his Son’s faithful disciples , we may share Christ’s Word to the people around us.

**Reader:** May Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and religious, who have been called by Jesus in a special way to bring the light of his Good News to peoples, carry out their mission with generosity and perseverance.

*We Pray:*

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

**Reader:** For those who do not believe in Christ: May they draw close to

 God and to Jesus Christ by sincerely following what is right and

 good.

 We pray:

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

**Reader:** For those in public service may derive strength and inspiration

 from the word of God and follow the example of Christ in serving

 the people,

 We pray:

**All: 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.

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

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

**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:** Merciful Lord, you sent us your Son to be our light and our salvation. Make us listen to him, put his teaching into practice, and joyfully share the Good News that we have received.

This we ask through the same Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**