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

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE.**

**Introduction:**

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

The themes highlight God’s transformative power flowing from the temple, purifying creation and bringing life, symbolized by Ezekiel’s vision of healing waters that radiate divine presence. The psalmist calls for trust in God's strength, contrasting God’s stability with the quaking of mountains, and celebrating God as a protector and source of strength against chaos. Paul and Jesus underscore the sanctity of God’s temple: Paul sees the Corinthian community as a holy temple indwelt by God’s Spirit, while Jesus, through his actions in the temple, announces the fulfillment of God's reign and his authority as God’s Son.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by

Please stand and join In singing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, ‘Do you see, son of man?’ He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, ‘This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.’

*The word of the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) **The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,

a helper close at hand, in time of distress:

so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,

though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God’s city,

the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within, it cannot be shaken;

God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)

3. The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,

the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

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

You are God’s building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

*The word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,

that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market’. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up’. The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASICILIA**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**PRIEST:** Dear brothers and sisters gathered as one to celebrate the good things we have received from our God let us ask him to prompt in us prayers that are worthy of his hearing.

**Reader:** For the holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch over her and care for her,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the peoples of all the world,

that the Lord may graciously preserve harmony among them,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all who are oppressed by any kind of need,

that the Lord may graciously grant them relief,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer**.

**Reader:**  For ourselves and our own community, that the Lord may graciously receive us as a sacrifice acceptable to himself,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That he may grant to the souls of our brothers and sisters, friends and benefactors the reward of their labours,

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:** O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion,

and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.