

Reflection

Seeing the Invisible

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security. In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

Neil Shigley, an American artist, began painting portraits of homeless people after an experience of looking into the eyes of a homeless person. He recounts the experience, *"On a cold night in San Diego's Little Italy, I was walking to a gallery opening when I passed a homeless man in a doorway. His eyes caught mine before I could glance away. Inside, as I walked around looking at paintings, the man's face stayed with me. I knew then that I had to do his portrait, and that's how the series 'Invisible People' started."*

While we're often attracted to images of the rich and famous, too many of us tend to look away from people on the other end of the economic spectrum, the homeless. It's almost second nature for many of us to simply avoid or ignore a homeless person. Often, we act as if the person isn't there. What is the difference between these people and the rest of us? Not as much as we think. We wake up each day and go to sleep at night. We have hopes and dreams and plans. We want to be respected. We want to be loved.

Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

Jesus loved with a human heart and his human heart shows us *The Way* to love. May we be God's Heart on earth.

Resources used: *Invisible People*, by Neil Shigley,
Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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ETHICS WITH

Fr. Philip Malone msc

The God I believe in is the God I respond to

Wednesday 10 May 2023

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

An opportunity to reflect on the choices we make in life as followers of Jesus.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL
PARISHIONERS ON ROSTERS
1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024
All masses weekend 27/28 May



Pins & Needles
Mon 15 May – 7:15pm
Parish Library

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering: Friday 19 May
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 23 MAY – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

Relax, Review, Reflect
We will be watching



"The Way"

Friday 26 May at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



We hold the children of the parish in our prayers as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be held on Thursday 1 June at 5:30pm

Formation and Training Session

This session is for Acolytes and Ministers of Communion
Sunday 7th May – 3:30pm - In the church

For more information contact
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Catholic Men's Breakfast

Tuesday 23 May - 7:00 – 8:45 am
Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York),

Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full.

Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220)

Enquiries Frank Stanford 0417 664 110
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Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

Parish News – Priests Absences

Fr. Chung will be attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 May. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 May.

Fr. Kimi will be away from the parish for two months from Thursday 11 May and returns on the weekend of 15 July. He is attending:

- * an MSC formation gathering in Rome
 - * an msc spirituality course with teachers from Australian MSC schools, in Issoudun France
 - * taking his yearly retreat
 - * taking some holidays.
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"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Sovereignty of Our Lady

Can we expect any less today from the goodness and power of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart? The more vulnerable we are, the more wretched, the more harassed by the devil, the more we should trust in her love and mercy. The Saviour said, I have not come for the just, but for sinners. And so we see him hurrying after the strayed sheep, holding out his arms to the prodigal son. His Mother is the same; she has a preference for sinners. Saint Anselm says: "She is the hope of those who no longer hope, the safe harbor for those who have suffered shipwreck."

Jules Chevalier msc,
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, p.206f. Issoudun.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

The Domestic Church

Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honour God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all.

www.catholicsteward.com

Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick. Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Zeffirina Penfold, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Pat McLindin, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan

Mass Intentions the week of 8 – 14 May

Mon 08/05	Johnny Lim
Wed 10/05	Charles, Philomena & Eugene De Rose
Thur 11/05	Anne Crossley
Fri 12/05	Emma Caskie

Sat 13/05	
5:00pm	Rod and Tess Navaro

Sun 14/05	
8:30am	Jim Ohlin
10:00am	Albert Gomez
6:00pm	Anne Ots

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.



Holy Water has returned to the
BAPTISMAL FONT.

The decision to bless yourself from the Font is a personal one, and we will leave it for you to decide if you would like to bless yourself.

The water is changed out weekly

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, Let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except
through me.
Alleluia

Readings – 14 May 2023

First Reading	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm	Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading	1 Pt 3:15-18
Gospel	John 14:15-21

ROSTERS

14 May

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Margaret Luck, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

14 May

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Sabina Van Rooy

14 May

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

14 May

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	7 May	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	13 May	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	7 May	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

Fun Facts

TOPIC: HUMAN BODY

