



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.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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OF THE DAY FOR
YOU TO WATCH AT HOME,
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 6AM
ON CHANNEL 5 AND 10.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,

so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful

Gathered as God's own people let us now pray for the needs of the world and for the work of the Church.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

That the Holy Church will support all people living consecrated lives. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

That Christians everywhere will be free from worldly troubles to trust in God completely. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

That Catholics around the world will experience the strength of their faith community when gathered worship is not possible. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parish community. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For all mothers. Lord, bless them. Help their loving hearts to continue to love and give of themselves to others. Strengthen them when they are down and give them hope when they are discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give all mothers the graces they most need and desires today.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

That those who have died will live with God in eternal life, especially, all mothers that have gone before us. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God our Father, we trust in the stillness of your Word. Hear our prayers and help us to come to you through the truth and life of Christ your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Conclusion

Loving Father,

Your Son came to lead us to you.

Hear the prayers we make in his name,

confident of your care for us at all times,

but especially now. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WALKING GROUP at St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

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*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

Recently Deceased: Esme Bell, Rosaria Palazzolo,

Anniversary: Patrick Howard, John Maloney, Ann Ptolmy

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad), Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Trish Seaby, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

PRAYER during the coronavirus pandemic

(Adapted from the USCCB)

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Aid to the Church in Need is arranging a spiritual bouquet of Masses for the needs of our world during this pandemic. Visit, www.aidtochurch.org/coronavirus.

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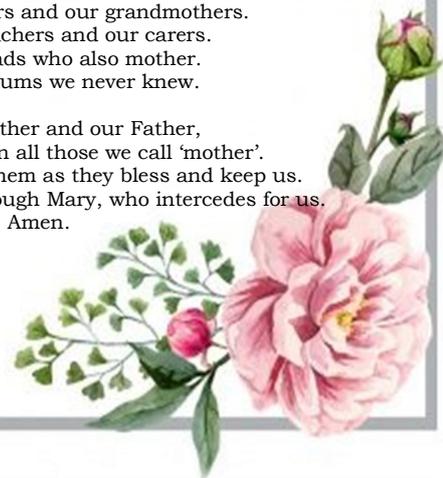
A BLESSING PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Mother God,
You are the great Creator.
You gave birth to the world and through love brought all things into being.
You are our mother who feeds us;
Our mother who comforts and consoles us;
Our mother who defends us;
Our mother who calms and cares for us.
Before you formed us in our mother's womb, you chose us.

Before we were born you set us apart.
You have carved us in the palm of your hand.
Bless all women who bring life into the world.
Bless all women who cannot give birth.
Bless all women expecting the birth of their child.
Bless all women who mourn their unborn child.
Bless all women who love and care for their children.
Bless all women who share their love and care with others.
Bless all women who tend the needs of their families.
Bless all women who tend the needs of the world.
Bless all women supported by a partner.
Bless all women who parent alone.
Bless all women of integrity.
Bless all women who struggle with who they are.
Bless our mothers and our grandmothers.
Bless our teachers and our carers.
Bless the dads who also mother.
Bless the mums we never knew.

God, our Mother and our Father,
Look with favour on all those we call 'mother'.
Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.
We make this prayer through Mary, who intercedes for us.
Amen.

by Greg Sunter



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to You, O Christ

Refrain:

*Praise to you,
O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father,
calling us to life,
Son of God
who leads us to freedom,
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word
who calls us out of darkness,
you are the Word
who leads us into light.
You are the Word
who brings us through the desert,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A Trusting Psalm

Refrain:

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

The Word of the Lord
is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like
nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. **R**

The Word of the Lord
means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though
our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. **R**

The Word of the Lord
is fire burning strong,
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all
return,
so let us place our trust in God. **R**
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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

In Faith and Hope and Love

Refrain:

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
t'wards our Father's home
above.*

Christ our star, our map our road,
to the Father's high abode. **R**

Christ our bread along the way;
Christ our rescue when we stray **R**

Christ our shelter,
Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end. **R**

Christ our hope and our reward,
our Redeemer and our Lord. **R**
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

(ICEL)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for
by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

One Bread One Body

Refrain:

*One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing
which we bless.*

*And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body
in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **R**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Without Seeing You

Refrain:

*Without seeing you,
we love you,
without touching you,
we embrace.
Without knowing you,
we follow,
without seeing you, we believe.*

We return to you deep within,
leave the past to the dust,
turn to you with tears
and fasting,
you are ready to forgive. **R**

The sparrow will find a home,
near to you O God.
How happy, we who dwell with
you, for ever in your house. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain:

*Sing to the mountains,
sing to the sea.
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day
the Lord has made.
let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul
from death.
You are my strength and my song. **R**

Holy, holy holy Lord,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory. **R**
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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible
and invisible.
I believe in one
Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.