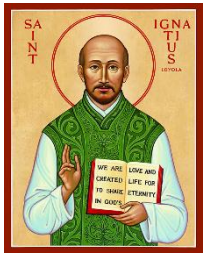


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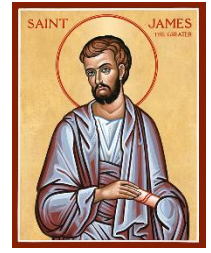


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick
1st Friday of the Month

ST JAMES CHURCH

162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND,
VIC 3121

Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish
office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Wedding

Contact Parish Office

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ



The theme of the recently released Catholic Bishops' Statement on Social Justice 2024-2025 is
Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World.

We live in disturbed times when many social relationships are strained. Strained by wars and their effect on migrant communities, for example, by racial tension, by the gap between those who own homes and those who rent or are homeless and between the very wealthy and people who struggle, by wages and unemployment benefits that trail behind inflation, by domestic violence, sexual abuse and the social media that encourage them, and by political campaigns that exacerbate community tensions and inhibit the action needed to address climate change. All these areas of injustice and conflict and many others call on us Catholics to reflect and to pray. We are led deeply to desire a more just society in which people are bound together by love and mutual respect and live together in peace.

Christians naturally associate Jesus with peace – 'gentle Jesus, meek and mild' as Charles Wesley described him in a children's hymn. We remember the vulnerable child Jesus lying in the manger attended by shepherds and farm animals. We also remember angels and Jesus himself greeting frightened people by wishing them peace. The Good News is a promise of peace.

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A JESUIT PARISH OUR MISSION

We share responsibility to:
Practise and promote
gospel values,
recognise and respond
to the ever-changing
needs of the
community and foster
a faith that leads to
justice. As a parish
open to change
desiring to be a
community, we strive
to live the gospel
values of: Diversity,
Hospitality and
Inclusivity.

We respectfully
ACKNOWLEDGE the
Wurundjeri people of
the Kulin nation, as the
traditional caretakers
of the land which is
the Richmond Catholic
Parish.

We acknowledge the
Elders, past & present.
May we too, be good
stewards of this land.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN & ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

*Richmond Catholic
Parish holds the care,
safety and wellbeing of
children and all
vulnerable people as a
central and
fundamental
responsibility for our
community.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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 sin of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sin 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.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua
We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**

3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6: 60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers

were complaining about it and said, ‘Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?’

‘It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, ‘This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’ After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *John 6: 54*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

FEAST DAYS

AUGUST

27 St Monica
28 St Augustine, bishop
29 Passion of St John the Baptist

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in our Parish
who have asked to be remembered:

Rachael Kennedy and Theresa May

If anyone has family/friends/neighbours who are sick or have recently passed and would like their names inserted in the Parish Bulletin, please notify the parish office by Thursday 10.00am by ringing 8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au.

Please pray for the recently deceased that
they may rest in peace in God’s hands:

Antonietta Ziino



AUSTRALIAN JESUIT FOUNDATION TRUST

**Father’s Day Collection for
31st August/1st September 2024**



As we prepare to celebrate Father’s Day it is good to remember the Jesuit Fathers who have ministered to our Parish Community and to express our support through a collection on Father’s Day for the retired and sick Jesuits.

To this end, we will have a special collection next weekend on 31st August/1st September. Envelopes will be provided should you wish to donate via bank transfer or credit card. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

*Let us celebrate
Father’s Day as a
Parish Community*



Our next “cuppa” after
Mass will be on the
following dates to coincide with Father’s Day.

- ❖ Saturday 31 August, after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass
– in the Presbytery Kitchen
- ❖ Sunday 1 September, after the 9.30am Mass
– on the veranda outside the Presbytery

COLLECTION WEEK – 17/18 AUGUST 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$345.80
Loose Collection	\$2093.00

WORKS TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH

1. Painting of interior of St. Ignatius Church:

“Programme Property Services” has begun the interior painting of our church, with works expected to take about two months to complete. The total cost, including machinery to access the Church’s height, repairs and preparation for painting is **\$189,499.00**.



The company is working with the Parish to ensure minimal disruption to our liturgical celebrations.

2. Upgrade of Security System:

This work has now been completed.

3. Upgrade/Repair Stairs and Balconies:

We are awaiting reports and quotes to upgrade and/or repair the stairs and balconies of the North and South wings of the Ignatius Centre.

The Parish is investing its own cash reserves in the above projects. If anyone wishes to contribute to the cost of these projects, please contact Fr. Trung Nguyen SJ, our Parish Priest. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY *(cont. from front page)* by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

Yet peace is elusive. As St Augustine said dismissively, everybody wants peace, but on their own terms. Nations go to war to restore peace or to impose it on their enemies. Perpetrators of domestic violence also often want peace based on the total submission of others. Peace is more than the absence of conflict.

The peace that Jesus promised was based on a vision of God who loved everyone and invited all, especially outsiders and despised people, into the future kingdom. He embodied God’s invitation in curing the sick and eating with people who lived scandalous lives, so overriding the religious culture of his times. This led to hostility from the religious and civil authorities who saw him as a threat to an uneasy peace. He was killed to preserve a peace based on fear and exclusion.

Jesus also told his followers that to accept God’s peace would require them also to accept conflict and exclusion without retaliating. The Christian approach to peace is built on respect for the equal dignity of all people, especially the poorest and most excluded, and

a commitment to them. The seriousness of the commitment to peace and its potential cost are evident in conscientious objectors who prefer to lose their own lives rather than to kill their fellow children of God.

Jesus’ life and death show that we should expect conflicts over many issues and violent behaviour in our own days. In the face of all these issues we are called to be peacemakers. That will often cause us grief. But it is Christ’s way.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/08	Peter Keogh	25/08	Mary Ebolo
31/08	Therese Keogh	01/09	Kaye Hogan
07/09	Giovanna Scollo	08/09	Simon Feely
14/09	Marlon D’Souza	15/09	Licia Marchese

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/08	Therese Keogh	25/08	Kaye Hogan
31/08	Mary Burns	01/09	Sr Barbara Brown-Graham fcJ
07/09	Peter Keogh	08/09	Mary Ebolo
14/09	Martin O’Brien	15/09	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
25/08	Shane Healy
01/09	Greg Strange
08/09	Herb Simmer
15/09	Louise Luu

CHILDREN’S LITRUGY OF THE WORD



Richmond Catholic Parish will be introducing “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” in the coming weeks. Children from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to participate.

This will be happening in St. James Church during the weekly 11.00am Sunday Mass.

The children will leave the main body of the Church just after the beginning of Mass and return for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Liturgy of the Word is:

- a ritual for the proclamation of God’s Word with Children appropriate to their understanding.
- time to hear God’s Word at an appropriate level.
- an opportunity to hear the Gospel message and consider how to practice it their lives.

In the next coming weeks, we will publish dates when the Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be taking place. We will also publish the names of the volunteers who will be working with the children.