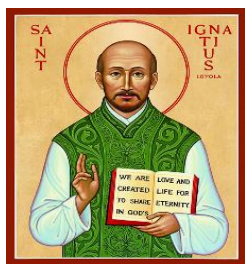


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
8 February 2026



FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

**326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121**

Mass Times

12.00 noon

(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9.30am (English)

12.00 noon (Polish)

4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Adoration & Benediction

11.00am Friday

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the Month

ST JAMES CHURCH

**162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND,
VIC 3121**

Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Wedding

Contact Parish Office

**TRINITY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**57-61 Davison Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121**

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**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ

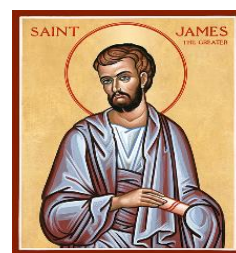
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**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.

**Richmond Catholic Parish
invites you to...**

**LENTEN REFLECTION WITH FR
FRANK O'LOUGHLIN**

AT ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

326 CHURCH STREET RICHMOND 3121

Thursday 26 February, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

TOPIC: The Whole Liturgy is Symbolic

Thursday 12 March, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

TOPIC: The Eucharist - Doing what Jesus did

Fr Frank O'Loughlin is a priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He studied Fundamental Theology at the Urban University in Rome and gained a doctorate on the topic of the Theology and Sociology of Knowledge. He studied Liturgy at the Irish Institute of Pastoral Liturgy and lectured in Fundamental and Sacramental Theology and Liturgy at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. He was parish priest of Sacred Heart, Sandringham, for nearly 24 years and is currently a retired assistant priest in the Parish of Our Lady of Pentecost in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

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, 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

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

SECOND

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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 *Psalm 106:8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

✚ Romeo Marcus Szelest (08/02)

THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

*God of gentleness and love,
We entrust to your care all those in need of
any form of healing, and ask you to guide
and sustain all who offer them healing and
hope.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



✚ Kate Franklyn
✚ Sophie Hogan
✚ Cormac Keenan

If you have anyone to add to our prayer list, please notify the
parish office by Thursday 10.00am by ringing
8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au.

FEBRUARY FEAST DAYS

✚ 10 St. Scholastica
✚ 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
✚ 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius
✚ 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

COLLECTION WEEK – 31st January and 1st February

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH

Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$365.00

Loose Collection – \$2889.55

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
07/02	Giovanna Scollo	08/02	Kaye Hogan
14/02	Haydn Walters	15/02	Raquel Gonzales
21/02	Marlon D'Souza	22/02	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
07/02	Marlon D'Souza	08/02	Gabrielle Keenan
14/02	Martin O'Brian	15/02	Rosie Coulthard
21/02	Mary Burns	22/02	Leonardo Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
08/02	Louisa Luu
15/02	Aseye Banini
22/02	Shane Healy

25th Anniversary as a member of the Society of Jesus

Dear Parishioners,

*Last Sunday, I celebrated twenty-five years as a
member of the Society of Jesus.*

*My heartfelt thanks for your blessings and prayers on
this special occasion in my life and in my mission as
a Jesuit.*

*Please continue remembering me in your prayers as
I live out my mission, as Parish Priest in the
Richmond Catholic Parish.*

Fr Trung Nguyen SJ

Parish Priest





GOSPEL REFLECTION

GREG SUNTER

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.



St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer "The Praises of God"

You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty.
You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,
Lord God, living and true.
You are love. You are wisdom.
You are humility. You are endurance.
You are rest. You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and yet You suffice for us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector.
You are our guardian and defender.
You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,
God Almighty, Merciful Saviour.



**Richmond
Churches
Food Centre**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE RICHMOND CHURCHES FOOD CENTRE

TASK: Collection of donated food items from Aldi – South Yarra on Saturday from 9.30-11.00 on a monthly basis. Use of own car.

Unload and stack the food supplies in the cool room of the food centre, which is located in St Ignatius Hall.

If you are able to assist, and/or would like further information, please contact Licia Marchese in the Parish Office on 8420 6789.