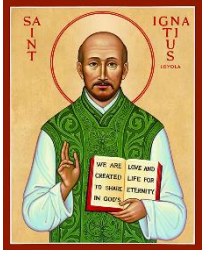


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

22 December 2024



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

www.tcs.catholic.edu.au

Principal

Nigel Rodrigues

Tel: 03 9428 7180

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)

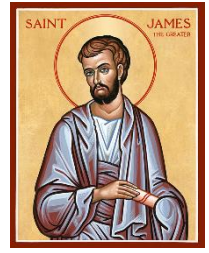
Operation hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Phone: (03) 8420 6789

Email: parish@ignatius.org.au

Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/richmond>

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be
closed from Friday 20 December 2024 until
Monday 13 January 2025.



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 PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS :

St Ignatius Church –

Sunday 22 December beginning at 6.30pm

Christmas Carols will be sung in English, Vietnamese and Polish.



CHRISTMAS PARISH MASSES – 2024

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH - CHRISTMAS EVE:

6.00pm	Family Mass – English
7.30pm	Nativity Play – Vietnamese
8.00pm	Vietnamese Mass
10.00pm	Polish Mass
11.30pm	Christmas Carols – English
Midnight	Christmas Eve Mass - English

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	English Mass
10.45am	Vietnamese Mass
Midday	Polish Mass



ST JAMES CHURCH – CHRISTMAS

9.30am	English Mass
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ST IGNATIUS CHURCH – BOXING DAY - 26 DECEMBER

11.00am	Polish Mass
Midday	English Mass

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH - NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

9.30am	English
10.45am	Vietnamese
Midday	Polish

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING

Micah 5: 1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule
over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 79:2-3, 15-16. 18-19*

Response: Lord, make us turn to you;

Let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;

then I said, just as I was commanded in the
scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what
the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that
is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and
the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in
them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming
to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to
replace it with the second. And this will was for us
to be made holy by the offering of his body made
once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3: 4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a
visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a
town in the hill country of Judah. She went
into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.
Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and
said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I
be honoured with a visit from the mother of my
Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes,
blessed is she who believed that the promise made
her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

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 *Isaiah 7: 14*
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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.*



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.

COLLECTION WEEK – 14/15 DEC 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES
Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$ 317.00
Loose Collection - \$ 2312.05

FEAST DAYS

DECEMBER

- 27 St John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

JANUARY

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- 2 Sts Basil and Gregory
- 3 Holy Name of Jesus

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
21/12	Haydn Walters	22/12	Licia Marchese
28/12	Volunteer	29/12	Volunteer
Volunteers during January			

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
21/12	Julia Walters	22/12	Leonardo Vong
28/12	Therese Keogh	29/12	Adelia Vong
Volunteers during January			

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
22/12	Barbara Shea
29/12	Margaret Gibson
Volunteers during January	

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal.

Over the past six months the Society in Victoria has provided over \$5 million in material assistance to families and households in need.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating to our Richmond Conference in any of the following ways:

- * Online vinnies.org.au
or call 13 18 12
- * Scan the QR code on the flyer
- * Collect an envelope from the back of the Church and post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

Every 25 years, the Church declares a Jubilee Year, a year of pilgrimage and spiritual renewal. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is “*Pilgrims of Hope*”.



A colourful logo has been designed for the Jubilee Year. It shows four people moving together, representing people coming from the four corners of the world. The leading figure is holding onto a cross which is a sign of faith. There are waves beneath them as a sign of pilgrimage and also the rough times everyone experiences. The lower part of the cross is an anchor which is a sign of hope.

OPENING:

The Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica.

On the following Sunday, 29 December, the Pope will open the Holy Door of his cathedral, St John Lateran. The Basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and thus the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

The Pope has decreed that on 29 December, diocesan bishops throughout the world should celebrate Mass in their local cathedral to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year.

On 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major will be opened. On Sunday 5 January, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls will be opened.



In addition to these four traditional Holy Doors, the Pope intends to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign of hope to prisoners.

CLOSING:

The Holy Doors of the Basilicas of St John Lateran, St Mary Major and St Paul Outside the Walls will be closed on Sunday 28 December 2025. The Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER:

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May the same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Francis

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weekly bulletin via email, please sign up on the parish website
or simply scan this QR code.

