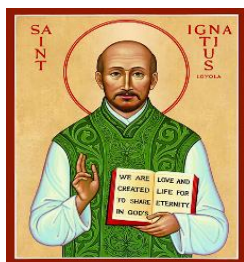


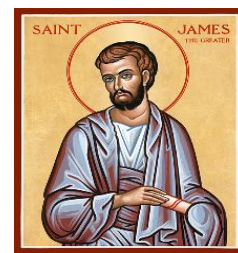
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
14 SEPTEMBER 2025



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
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

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EXHALTATION OF THE CROSS
REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

**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**Galatians 6:14**

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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**Numbers 21:4-9**

A reading from the book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL**Ps 77:1-2. 34-38**

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Philippians 2:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 3:13-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

This is 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 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

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.*

-  Kate Franklyn
-  Sophie Hogan
-  Nick van der Pligt

RECENTLY DECEASED

*In company with Christ, who died and
now lives, may they rejoice in Your
kingdom, where all our tears are
wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. 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*

BAPTISMS

-  Posy Alice-Joan Dillon (13/09)
-  James Flynn Kesyers (14/09)
-  Charles Louis Kesyers (14/09)

FEAST DAYS (September):

- 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
- 17th St Robert Bellarmine, SJ

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
13/09	Martin O'Brian	14/09	Simon Feely
20/09	Giovanna Scollo	21/09	Raquel Gonzales
27/09	Volunteer	28/09	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
13/09	Marlon D'Souza	14/09	Leonardo Vong
20/09	Henry Mai	21/09	Simon Feely
27/09	Andrew Mai	28/09	Constantino Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
14/09	Shane Healy
21/09	Aseye Banini
28/09	Volunteer

COLLECTION WEEK – 6th and 7st September 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes –\$226
Loose Collection – \$2446.20

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER



September 14 is “Safeguarding Sunday,” a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised.

AUSTRALIAN JESUIT FOUNDATION TRUST



Australian Jesuit 2025 Father's Day Collection

Thank you to the Richmond Catholic Community for supporting the Father's Day Collection for the retired and sick Jesuits. Envelopes are still available in the St Ignatius Church and St James Church. Contributions may also be made via bank transfer.

Australian Jesuit Foundation Trust
BSB: 063 145

Account number: 1041 5400

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
Australian Jesuit Trust Foundation

Society of Jesus Celebrates Feast of St. Peter Claver, SJ



September 9 is the feast day of Saint Peter Claver, a Jesuit missionary known as the patron saint of slaves, African missions and interracial justice. St. Claver spent his life serving enslaved Africans who were brought to Colombia during the 17th century.

Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pope Leo XIV proclaimed the first two saints of his papacy in a historic ceremony at St. Peter's Square in Rome on Sunday, including the first of the millennial generation.

Saint Carlo Acutis - born in England in 1991 but raised in Milan, used his passion for technology to promote devotion to the Catholic Church, establishing a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions – reported supernatural appearances of Mary, mother of Jesus Christ.

His young age, as well as his proficiency with technology, helped spread the teachings of the church to a new generation.

Dubbed “the first millennial saint” or “the patron saint of the internet” Acutis died of leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006. Following his death, two miracles have been attributed to him – a prerequisite for canonization – leading to his beatification by the late Pope Francis in October 2020.

The first miracle was the sudden medically inexplicable recovery of a Brazilian boy with a malformed pancreas who prayed to Acutis for healing in 2013. This was followed up in 2022 when a woman from Costa Rica bounced back from a severe head injury after a bicycle accident in Florence, Italy.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati – An avid outdoorsman, mountain climber and a member of the Dominican Third Order, Frassati helped polio patients through the St. Vincent de Paul Society before succumbing to the disease himself at the age of 24 in 1925, which he likely contracted from one of the parents he served.

The miracles attributed to Frassati paving the way for sainthood came 90 years apart.

The first was a 40-year-old laborer who was cured of a disease of the spine called Pott's disease after praying for Frassati's intercession in 1933. He made a full recovery, living for another 35 years. The Vatican recognized this occurrence as a miracle in May 1990, and Frassati was beatified.

The second miracle came in 2017, when an American seminary student, Juan Gutierrez, recovered from a severe Achilles tendon injury suffered during a basketball game after making a novena to Frassati. As he prayed, Gutierrez said he felt “a sensation of heat” in his ankle, which then healed, enabling him to return to playing the sport he loved.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025 FORTHCOMING PARISH CELEBRATION



The late Pope Francis, chose “*Migrant, Missionaries of Hope*” as the theme to the 2025 “World Day of Migrants and Refugees.”

This day will be celebrated on Sunday 5 October.

The occasion would be a chance to reflect on “the courage and tenacity of migrants and refugees, who bear daily witness to hope in the future.”

Refugees and Migrants are very much of part of the richness that is the Richmond Catholic Parish.

As a Parish faith community, we will be celebrating “World Day of Migrants and Refugees” on Sunday 5 October. There will be only one Parish Mass that weekend, being the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 5 October.

We look forward to having as many as possible cultures represented at the Mass.

Come along in national costume.

It is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the many cultures in our Parish Community and the contributions that they make to our Parish.

We are asking each culture to provide a traditional dish, in which everyone present can indulge.

Part of this wonderful celebration would be some entertainment. **Each cultural group could lead us in a dance or song, thus having some great fun together.**

Mark this date in your diary. More information forthcoming in the coming weeks. So, please stay tuned.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER OF HOPE



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, the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine.

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.

Franciscus