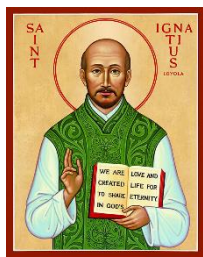


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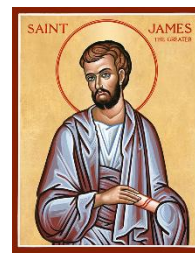


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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
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

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NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121
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Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
Tel: 03 9428 7180



We extend our warmest wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all our Richmond Catholic Parish parishioners and visitors.

May you find peace in your family and in your meetings with others.

May your journeys and holidays be restful and fulfilling.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Fr Trung Nguyen SJ and all staff
at the Richmond Catholic Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will be closed from Saturday 21
December 2024 until
Monday 13 January 2025.**

CHRISTMAS VIGIL GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1–25

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:
Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar, being his mother,
Perez was the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram was the father of Aminadab,
Aminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother,
Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother,
Obed was the father of Jesse;
and Jesse was the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
(cont. overleaf)

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.

Solomon was the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,
Joram the father of Azariah,
Azariah was the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah;
And Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, Then
the deportation to Babylon took place.

After the deportation to Babylon:
Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
Azor was the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Achim,
Achim the father of Eliud,
Eliud was the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of
was born Jesus who is called Christ.
The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to
David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and
fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary
was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together
she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her
husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare
her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made
up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has what is
in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you
must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his
people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the
words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Emmanuel," a name which means,
"God is with us." When Joseph woke up he did what the angel
of the Lord told him to do; he took his wife to his home
and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth
to a son; and he named him Jesus.

MIDNIGHT MASS GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world
to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius
was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be
registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in
Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called
Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to
be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with
child. While they were there the time came for her to have her
child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped
him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there
was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by
there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns
to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord

appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them.
They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen,
I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole
people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to
you; he is Christ the Lord. And there is a sign for you; you will
find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a
manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng
of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
And peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS GOSPEL: John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known