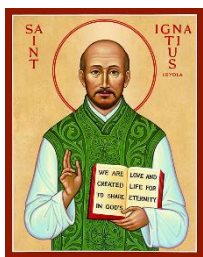


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

1st June 2025

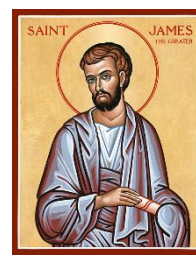


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)
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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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NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121
www.tcs.catholic.edu.au

Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
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A Warm Welcome to Bishop Thinh Nguyen DD to the Richmond Catholic Parish

Winter in all of Our Lives

*There is a winter in all of our lives,
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn
for days that have gone
or put our hope in days yet to be.
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.
Spring is full of expectation
buds breaking
frosts abating and an awakening
of creation before the first days of summer.
Now the sun gives warmth
and comfort to our lives
reviving aching joints
bringing colour, new life
and crops to fruiting.
Autumn gives nature space
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour
mellow colours in sky and landscape
as the earth prepares to rest.
Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.
An endless cycle
and yet a perfect model.
We need a winter in our lives
a time of rest, a time to stand still
a time to reacquaint ourselves
with the faith in which we live.
It is only then that we can draw strength
from the one in whom we are rooted
take time to grow and rise through the darkness
into the warm glow of your springtime
to blossom and flourish
bring colour and vitality into this world
your garden.
Thank you Father
for the seasons of our lives.*

- Author Unknown

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 *Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

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 *Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with
everything Jesus had done and taught from the
beginning until the day he gave his instructions to
the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit,
and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself
alive to them after his Passion by many
demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to
appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of
God. When he had been at table with them, he had
told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there
for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said,
'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised
with water but you, not many days from now, will
be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord,
has the time come? Are you going to restore the
kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to
know times or dates that the Father has decided by
his own authority, but you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be
my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout
Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the
earth.'

As he said this, he was lifted up while they looked
on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were
still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in
white were standing near them and they said, 'Why

are you men from Galilee standing here looking into
the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into
heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same
way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6*

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare
of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and
perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full
knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of
your mind so that you can see what hope his call
holds for you, what rich glories he has promised
the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the
power that he has exercised for us believers. This
you can tell from the strength of his power at work
in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the
dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in
heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority,
Power, or Domination, or any other name that can
be named, not only in this age, but also in the age
to come. He has put all things under his feet, and
made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of
the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills the whole creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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 Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, Alleluia.

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.*



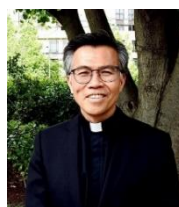
*If you have anyone to add to our prayer list, please
notify the parish office by Thursday 10.00am by ringing
8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au*

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
31/05	Therese Keogh	01/06	Raquel Gonzales
07/06	Giovanna Scollo	08/06	Kaye Hogan
14/06	Haydn Walters	15/06	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
31/05	Peter Keogh	01/05	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ
07/06	VOLUNTEER	08/06	Ancita D'Cunha
14/06	VOLUNTEER	15/06	Adelia Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
01/06	Herb Zimmer
08/06	Pat Kelly
15/06	Louise Luu

COLLECTION WEEK – 24th /25th May 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES	
Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$370.00	
Loose Collection - \$2267.85.00	

**ENJOY A "CUPPA" AND A "CHAT"**
WITH BISHOP THINH NGUYEN DD

*Bishop Thinh Nguyen will be the
main celebrant at the 9.30 Mass
this Sunday 1 June. He will be
staying on after Mass and
mingling with parishioners at the Parish's end of
the month morning tea. This will be a wonderful
opportunity for him to meet our parishioners and
get a real sense of what it is like to belong to the
wonderful Richmond Catholic Parish.*



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second.

While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL

THIS WINTER HELP PEOPLE BREAK FREE FROM THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS.



Australia is facing a homelessness crisis.

This winter, Vinnies volunteer members across Australia are seeing an unprecedented demand for homelessness services and support.

Your generous support can help vulnerable people in our communities at risk of or experiencing homelessness with the urgent help they need to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

You can help give them food so they are not going hungry and clothes so they are not cold. A helping hand with essential bills or the rent could be all that's standing between people and homelessness.

Sadly, domestic and family violence is one of the key drivers of homelessness. You can help ensure that people who are no longer safe at home have somewhere to turn.

You can help them find safety and support.

Richmond Catholic Parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Each year

the Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. With your support we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

The Society's Richmond Conference was established in our parish in 1900 and has been serving those in need since then. During the last 12 months our Conference members have made 206 visits to needy households and provided over \$26,445 in food vouchers and Vinnies' shop cards as well as providing furniture to 23 households.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate to help provide people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness and those struggling with cost of living pressures with immediate practical assistance and long-term support.

Please do so by donating to our Richmond Conference in any of the following ways:

- **Online at vinnies.org.au**
- **By phone calling 13 18 12**
- **Collect an envelope in the Church and either post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.**



Our Lady of Lavang Apparition during persecution of Vietnamese Catholics

In 1798, in Vietnam, the Nguyen Dynasty suppressed the spread of the Catholic faith. The dynasty declared the church a group in revolt against its rule.

The Catholics were persecuted and killed. To save their lives, some Catholics fled to the jungle of La Vang in Quang Tri province.

From 1630 to 1886, some 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics escaped to the jungle.

Some got sick while they were hiding. At night, they recited the rosary.

On one of the nights, a group of Catholics saw a vision of Mary and the infant Jesus in the branches.

Mary asked them to have faith, be strong in their suffering, and pray. She taught them how to use the plants in the jungle to cure the illness. Mary also promised to help those who came to her.

The Catholics built a chapel in her honour. Her name spread in Vietnam.

The Statue of Our Lady of Lavang is in St Ignatius Church until after the Sunday Vietnamese mass on 1 June.