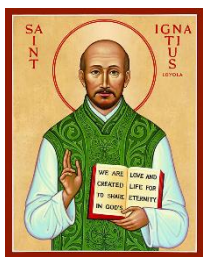


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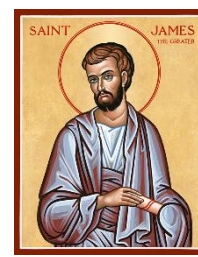


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
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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

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

www.tcs.catholic.edu.au

Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
Tel: 03 9428 7180

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
PATRICIA AND BARRY O'HALLORAN
FOR SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE
RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH**

Pat and Barry O'Halloran came to the Richmond Catholic Parish in the early 1980's. Since then they have been very much involved in the life of the parish.

Both Barry and Pat served on the Parish Pastoral Council at one time or another, and a member of the St Vincent de Paul where Barry was president for over 10 years. Pat and Barry used to visit people in the parish who were less fortunate and provided whatever assistance possible. Until recently Barry has been on the Parish's Finance and Building Committee.



Pat trained the Loreto girls to be special ministers of the Eucharist at Epworth for many years until Church authority stopped that ministry because the girls were too young. Pat was also responsible for the beautiful book on St Ignatius Church which we put together in 2017 for the sesquicentenary celebration. Until recently Pat was on the Faith at Work Committee from its inception.

Both Pat and Barry were Ministers of the Eucharist and took communion to patients in Epworth for many years. Pat was also a Minister of the Word for many years.

Pat and Barry have been married for 63 years and are exemplary parishioners any Parish Priest could have hoped for. I would like to this opportunity to thank Pat and Barry for their many years of generous and selfless service to the parish.

Fr Trung Nguyen SJ

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 *Psalm 83:10-11*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 *Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL *Ps 39:2-4. 18.*

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:1-4*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 12:49-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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

Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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*

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, teach us to dance
and sing in another language. Most of all, indulge in
some wonderful cuisine.

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
16/08	Volunteer	17/08	Simon Feely
23/08	Martin O'Brian	24/08	Raquel Gonzales
30/08	Peter Keogh	31/08	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
16/08	Mary Burns	17/08	Gabrielle Keenan
23/08	William Mai	24/08	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ
30/08	Therese Keogh	31/08	Ancita D'Cunha

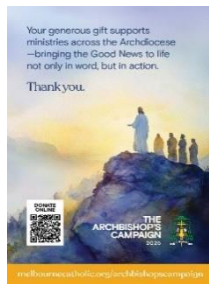
MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
17/08	Margaret Gibson
24/08	Pat Kelly
31/08	Herb Zimmer

COLLECTION WEEK – 9th and 10th August 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$ 320.90
Loose Collection - \$ 2445.65

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025



The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway and the Archbishop is asking everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to the support the ministries of the Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the Church. Donations can be made via the QR Code or via the supplied campaign envelopes.

The campaign runs until Sunday 31 August.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL



Richmond Catholic Parish is once again supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal which 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, established in our parish in 1900, has been serving those in need since then. Parishioners are encouraged to donate in any of the following ways:

- Online at vinnies.org.au
- By calling 13 18 12

Collect an envelope in the Church and either post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.

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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today the first reading describes a drama of national crisis, prophetic involvement and political power plays. The fate of the prophet Jeremiah seems to be in the hands of a vacillating king, who is influenced first by the power establishment of Judah (v.5) and then by a lone court official from the land of Cush. The word of God spoken by the prophet and the policies of the nation are in deadly conflict and Jeremiah appears to be the centre of contention. In such a situation, the one who speaks in God's name is likely to pay the price. This is exactly what happened.

The psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving for past deliverance. In view of this deliverance, the psalmist pleads for further help from God. The danger into which God reaches in order to rescue the psalmist is the pit or the swamp, both metaphors for death. The imagery is reminiscent of the ancient seasonal myths in which one of the gods descends into the abode of the dead only to rise again to new life. The metaphor gradually came to be used to speak of the descent of human beings in general. This psalm includes the hope of rising from misfortune. Having been drawn up out of danger, the psalmist is placed on a secure rock, a place of sound footing.

In this exhortation to endurance, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews skillfully employs the metaphor of a race. Just as the games were often held in a large stadium or Amphitheatre that could hold the crowds that came to watch, so Christians are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses (martyrs). Just as athletes are spurred on by the cheers of the people in the stands, so too Christians are encouraged by those who have preceded them. Like runners, Christians should be unimpeded by unnecessary weight, the heaviest burden being sin itself. Jesus ran the race, and now he enjoys the crown which is the reward for his success. Christians now have Jesus as their model.

The picture of Jesus in this gospel passage is troubling if we think of him merely as a gentle messiah who came to spread peace throughout the world. Here he insists that his coming is comparable to a dramatic prophetic visitation. He has come to cast fire on the earth, to be baptised, and to cause division at the very heart of human society. It is not that Jesus is eager for these disturbing events in themselves to unfold. Rather, he himself burns with zeal for the accomplishment of his earthly mission, which, in calling for radical change, will inevitably include such consequences. While Jesus himself may have been a man of peace, the message that he proclaimed was clearly divisive. He made demands on people that challenged them to the very heart of their being.

