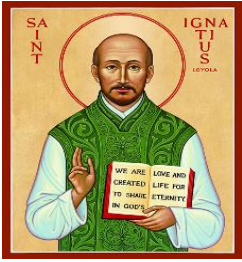


TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18 OCTOBER 2026



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

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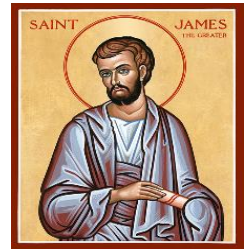
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

WORLD MISSION DAY – 2026

World Mission Day 2026 is celebrated on Sunday 18 October, with the theme, “One in Christ, united in mission.”

World Mission Day, established by Pope Pius XI in 1927, is an annual celebration that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer and support for missionary work, particularly in regions where the Church is young, vulnerable, or facing persecution.

The 2026 observance marks the 100th anniversary of this important day.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme, “One in Christ, united in mission” for 2026, emphasizing unity among believers and the shared responsibility of evangelization. The Pope encourages all the faithful to renew their missionary zeal, foster reconciled communities and cooperate generously in spreading the Gospel. He highlights that being a Christian is a life in union with Christ, which enables believers to carry out the Church’s mission effectively.



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

PARISH VIGIL MASS 5.00PM – SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Next Saturday 24 October at the 5.00pm Parish Mass, students from Trinity Catholic School and St Kevins College Yr 9 Waterford Campus, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop Tinh Nguyen DD will be the main celebrant and parishioners are invited to attend this special occasion in the life of our Parish.

We ask that you keep these candidates and their families in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.



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*Cf Psalm 16:6,8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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*Isaiah 45:1.4-6**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whom he has taken by his right hand
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip the loins of kings,
 to force gateways before him
 that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
 of Israel my chosen one,
 that I have called you by your name,
 conferring a title though you do not know me.
 I am the Lord, unrivalled;
 there is no other God besides me.
 Though you do not know me, I arm you
 that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
 sun
 that, apart from me, all is nothing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10***(R.)** Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 Tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
 to be feared above all gods;
 the gods of the heathens are naught.
 It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power,
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
 Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
 Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for
 you all, and constantly remember before God our Father
 how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love
 and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have
 been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to
 you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as
 the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Philippians 2:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
 you are offering it the word of life.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 22:15-21**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
 to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
 to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we
 know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God
 in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
 because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your
 opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
 not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied,
 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me
 see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a
 denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?'
 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well,
 give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God
 what belongs to God.'

This is 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 *Cf Psalm 32:18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

BAPTISM

✚ Pierre Emmanuel Bezzina (17/10)

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

✚ Antonio Giuseppe Calo

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.*



✚ Dorothy Paul
✚ Kate Franklyn
✚ Sophie Hogan
✚ George Buschmann

*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*

OCTOBER FEAST DAYS

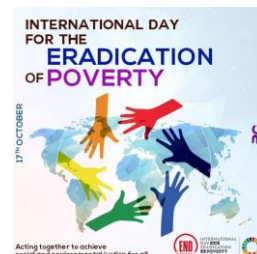
- ✚ 19th Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and
Comps SJ
- ✚ 20th Bl Diego Aloysius de San Vitores SJ
and St Pedro Calungsod
- ✚ 22nd St John Paul II
- ✚ 23rd St John of Capistrano
- ✚ 24th St Anthony Mary Clare

READINGS FOR THE PARISH VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER:

As the parish is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during this Mass, the readings will be drawn from the Ritual Mass for the Conferring Confirmation. The Confirmation candidates will be the Readers on this special occasion.

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17 October

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty invites us to consider a reality that easily escapes us. It reminds us that poverty is not confined to Third World Countries but affects us in our own nation. It reminds us, too, that people are made poor because of toxic relationships between nations and not simply by the failures of leaders in individual countries. It also reminds us that governments, banks, civil services and nations do not experience poverty. Only human beings do that. We are all members of the human race. The poverty of one person is the poverty of all. It is more than a problem to be studied, deeper than local or international statistics. It wears the face of people whom we meet through the Vinnies and see sleeping on the streets. It wears the face of all our brothers and sisters throughout the world who live in poverty.



The poverty that people experience involves hunger, anxiety about where the next meal for themselves and their children will come from, shame at not being able to afford the money needed to meet their children's needs, and the humiliation of sleeping rough while seeking accommodation. It is about struggling to find food, to have to put off visiting the doctor and the dentist, to move from place to place. For our children it is about finding it hard to learn and make friends. If we are poor we may lose jobs because we cannot travel, we may lose our friends, and our nation loses its human riches.

Poverty has an international as well as a local face. The day for the eradication of poverty reminds us of the importance of global solidarity and of inclusive policies that uplift marginalised communities and ensure equal opportunities for all.

Governments and we who vote for them must ensure that all families, all people can live decent lives. We have the responsibility to shape a world in which prosperity is shared and is not built on the poverty of others. Poverty is the fruit of selfishness. Its healing comes through solidarity. That means that we must look beyond our nation and stand with the poor in every nation.

REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter



The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH'S LEGION OF MARY GROUP

Parishioners and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary, are warmly invited to participate in the meetings of "Our Lady of Grace" presidium of the Legion of Mary.

Weekly meetings are held every Monday, beginning at 1.15pm, in the Loyola Room of the Parish Hall. Meetings include: Reciting of the Rosary, Prayers, and future planning for members. For further information, please contact Lucia – 9428 7481.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

That mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

by Pope Leo XIV

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death
without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power
with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women
filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples
who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies
into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust
in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross
with a broken heart, firm in the faith
that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for
and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth,
protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!

ihc JESUIT CONFERENCE OF ASIA PACIFIC

COLLECTION WEEK – 10th/11th October ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH

Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$240.00

Loose Collection – \$2377.75

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DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/10	Giovanna Scollo	18/10	Kaye Hogan
24/10	TBC	25/10	Simon Feely
31/10	Therese Keogh	01/11	Mary Ebolo

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DATE	11.00AM MASS
18/10	TBC
25/10	Shane Healy
01/11	Natasha Karunarathe

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