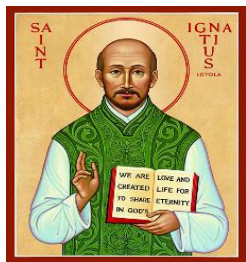


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

12 JULY 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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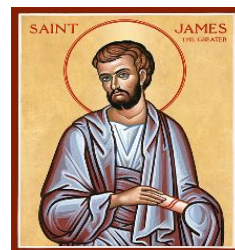
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

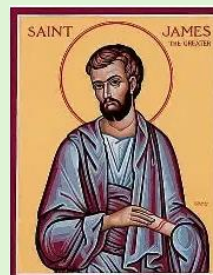
Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

FEAST OF ST JAMES THE GREATER – 25 JULY

The feast of St James the Greater, the patron saint of St James Church is on Saturday 25 July, but the Richmond Catholic Parish will be celebrating the important feast on Sunday 26 July at the 11.00am Mass in St James Church.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the 11.00am Mass at St James Church. The celebrants will be Fr Trung Nguyen SJ our Parish Priest and Fr Andy Bullen SJ.

More information in forthcoming Parish Bulletins.



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 16:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 55:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8*

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Romans 8:18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 13:1-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears
because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets
and holy men longed to see what you see, and never
saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower.
When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without
understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what
was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the
seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it
on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and
welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him,
he does not last; let some trial come, or some
persecution on account of the word, and he falls away
at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the
man who hears the word, but the worries of this world
and the lure of riches choke the word and so he
produces nothing. And the one who received the seed
in rich soil is the man who hears the word and
understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and
produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

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 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS

✚ Cristiano Lidio De Melo - 12/07

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

✚ Carmel Keenan – 12/07 (mother of Gabrielle)

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.

✚ Val Flynn
✚ 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*



JULY FEAST DAYS

✚ 13th St. Henry
✚ 14th St Camillus de Lellis
✚ 15th St Bonaventure

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - THURSDAY 16th JULY

The **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** honors the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title as patroness of the Carmelite Order, which traces its origins to hermits living on Mount Carmel in Israel during the 12th century. The feast commemorates Mary's appearance to **St. Simon Stock** in 1251, when she gave him the **Brown Scapular**, a symbol of her protection and a sign of consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

There will be solemn Mass for the Feast of Our Lady at Mt Carmel at the Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson Street Kew at 10.30am on Thursday 16 July. Celebrant will be Very Rev. Bruce Clark, O.Carm. All are welcome to attend.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

This Winter, you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness get the support they need.

Your generous support can help vulnerable people in our community. Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will directly support Vinnies' core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty and cost-of-living pressures.

The Richmond Catholic Parish is supporting Vinnies' Winter Appeal. 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 233 visits to needy households and provided food vouchers and Vinnies' shop cards to the value of \$21,305 as well as providing furniture to 15 households.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating in any of the following ways:

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

SEA SUNDAY – 12 JULY

Sea Sunday is a moment each year when churches around the world come together to pray for seafarers, give thanks for their vital work, and support The Mission to Seafarers' life-changing frontline ministry.

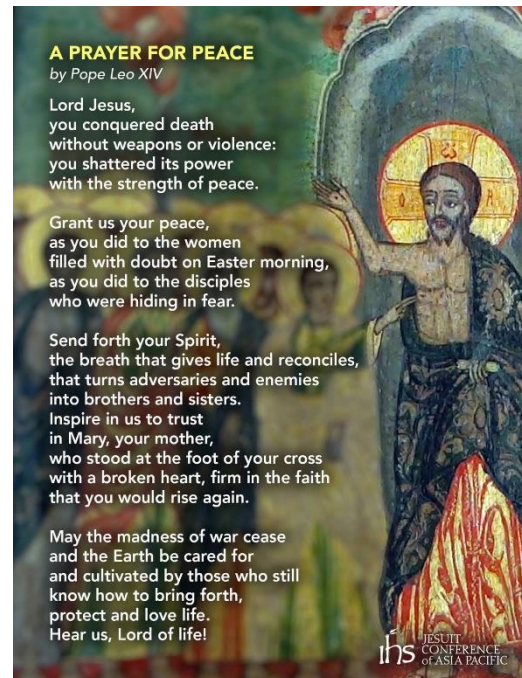


Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers churches the opportunity to pause, reflect, and respond - standing alongside the men and women who keep our world moving.

For Sea Sunday 2026, our theme is **“Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers”**, inspired by *Matthew 25*. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope — a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.



COLLECTION WEEK – 4 th /5 th June	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$341.00	
Loose Collection – \$2370.85	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
11/07	Giovanna Scollo	12/07	Raquel Gonzales
18/07	Martin O'Brien	19/07	Simon Feely
25/07	Therese Keogh	26/07	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
11/07	Mary Burns	12/07	Simon Feely
18/07	Giovanna Scollo	19/07	Sr Helen Buckley fcl
25/07	Peter Keogh	26/07	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
12/07	Aseye Banini
19/07	Shane Healy
26/07	Natasha Karunarathe

SUPPORTING THE ONGOING PASTORAL AND BUILDING WORKS OF THE RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

Donations can now be made via the QR code on each pew or on the Parish Bulletin.

Click on to the QR and it will take you to the Parish's donation page.

We thank you for your generosity in supporting the works of the Richmond Catholic Parish.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the works of the Parish by donation through our QR Code. Your support is greatly appreciated.