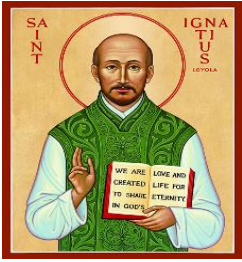


TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
16 AUGUST 2026



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

**TRINITY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**57-61 Davison Street,
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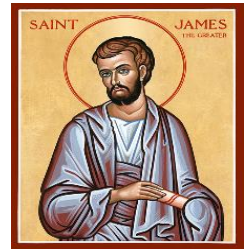
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OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

This week's Gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern - day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

**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*Isaiah 56:1.6-7**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with
integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my
integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to
serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all
who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to
my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I
will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my
altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for
all the peoples.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4***(R.)** O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the
pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but
the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of
you, and in this way save some of them. Since their
rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you
know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than
a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his
gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and
now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those
who are disobedient now – and only because of the
mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually.
God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience
only to show mercy to all mankind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 15:21-28**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre
and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that
district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity
on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he
answered her not a word. And his disciples went and
pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said
'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I
was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'
But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet.
'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.'
She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat
the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus
answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your
wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter
was well again.

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

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.*

-  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*



AUGUST FEAST DAYS

-  24th St Bartholomew
-  25th St Louis
-  25th St Joseph Calasanz
-  27th St Monica
-  28th St Augustine
-  29th The Passion of St John the Baptist



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.**

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026 FORTHCOMING PARISH CELEBRATION

Pope Leo XIV has chosen “**Even just one of these children**” as the theme for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which focuses on the need for pastoral care for minors on the move.

The title is a reference to Matthew 18:5. “**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.**”

With this choice, the Holy Father expresses the Church’s concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us.

As a Parish faith community, we will be celebrating “World Day of Migrants and Refugees” on Sunday 4 October. There will be only one Parish Mass that weekend, being the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 4 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. And most of all indulge in some wonderful cuisine.

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



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and the Archdiocese asks everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



DONATE ONLINE



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026



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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

That in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new way to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

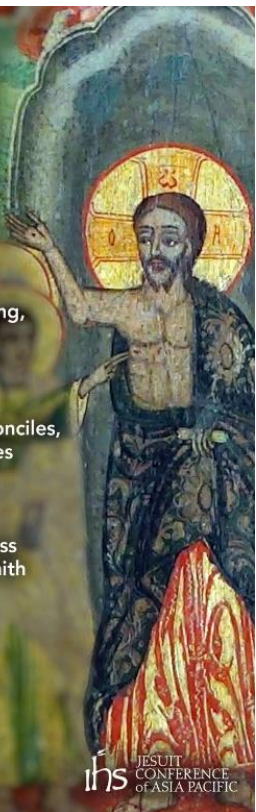
A PRAYER FOR PEACE
by Pope Leo XIV

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!



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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.

COLLECTION WEEK – 8 th /9 th August	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$260.00	
Loose Collection – \$2083.35	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
15/08	Giovanna Scollo	16/08	Haydn Walters
22/08	Martin O'Brien	23/08	Simon Feely
29/08	Peter Keogh	30/08	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
15/08	Volunteer	16/08	Kaye Hogan
22/08	Mary Burns	23/08	Rosie Coulthard
29/08	Therese Keogh	30/08	Gabrielle Keenan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
16/08	Margaret Gibson
23/08	Louisa Luu
30/08	Aseye Banini