

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

## 25 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

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VIC 3121

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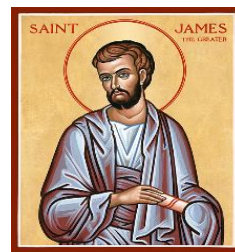
## RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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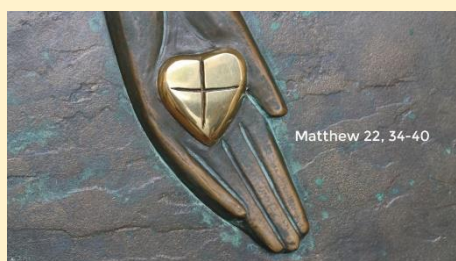
## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

*Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.*

*We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.*

*Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.*



### 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 104:3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

**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** *Exodus 22:20-26*

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2*

**(R.)** I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:34-40*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

**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 19:6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ....

### RECENTLY DECEASED

-  George Buschmann (17/10)
-  Sr Gerardine Curren fcJ (Canada)
-  Sr Katherine Frost fcJ (England)
-  Sr Marjorie Perkins fcJ (Canada)

### 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

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](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au)

## OCTOBER FEAST DAYS

-  27<sup>th</sup> Sts Simon and Jude

## NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

-  1<sup>st</sup> All Saints
-  2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls
-  3<sup>rd</sup> St Martin de Porres
-  4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo

## NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS



*The month of November is  
dedicated to praying for our  
dearly, departed loved ones.*

*St Ignatius Church and St  
James Church have a  
“Remembrance Book”, in  
which parishioners are invited to write the  
names of their deceased loved ones.*

*They will be remembered in our prayers during  
all our Parish Masses.*

## JULIAN BUTLER SJ ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE

Julian Butler SJ who resided in the Richmond Catholic Parish for a number of years, was ordained to the diaconate during a Mass at the Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on 3 October 2026. Surrounded by fellow Jesuits, family, friends and members of the wider community, Julian joined five other Jesuits in this significant step on the path to priesthood. This photo gallery captures moments of prayer, blessing and celebration from a joyful occasion marked by gratitude, service and a deep commitment to Christ and the Church.



## Martin Luther Day, Reformation Day and Feast of St Alphonsus Rodriguez – 31 October 2026

*Fr Andy Hamilton SJ*

During our lives we have some control what we do and over the company we keep. We can't control, however, the days of our birth and death. Sometimes two famous people who died on the same day of the year would not have chosen their companions. But those who later notice the shared dates might find them thought-provoking.

That is the case with Martin Luther and Alphonsus Rodriguez. At first sight they could not have been different. Luther was German, well-educated and a university teacher who became a Monk and left the Catholic Church. Alphonsus Rodriguez was Spanish, born in Luther's later years, uneducated, ran his family business and married, and became a Jesuit brother in an intensely Catholic Spain.

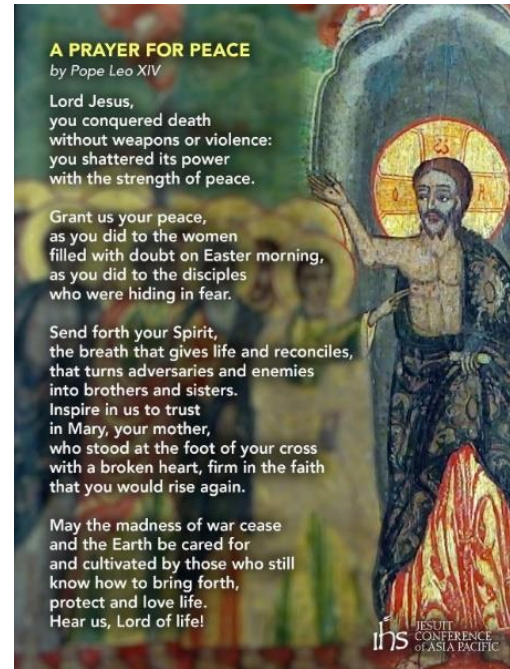
Martin Luther and Alphonsus Rodriguez were similar, however, in facing personal crises. Luther was deeply religious but scrupulous and unhappy. He found peace in recognising the unmerited grace of God. This led him to protest against what he saw were the practices in the Church that suggested that salvation could be earned. The protest led to the separation of the Reformed Churches from the Catholic Church. It created hostility between Catholics and Protestants. But it also contributed to needed reform within the Catholic Church.

Alphonsus married at 26 and had two children. When he was 31, his wife and two children died, and later his third. He became deeply, almost obsessively, religious and wanted to become a priest. After unsuccessfully trying to study, he sought to become a Jesuit. He was admitted as a Brother when he was 40, and was sent to the College on the island of Mallorca. There he was porter, a role that made him greet guests, pass messages to the community. He was the face of the community, and was a model of kindness and hospitality, as well as of wisdom to visitors. His geniality and faithfulness in his work ran together with scrupulousness in his spiritual life and prayer.

Despite their difference in education, public profile and relationship with the Catholic Church, Alphonsus and Luther, including the Reformed Christianity that looks to him as a founder, had much in common. Both confronted similar doubts about God's love, both found consolation in a Christian faith and life cut to its essentials. Luther found it in a radical faith in a loving God which was stripped of practices that obscured it. Alphonsus found it in a simple life of service that echoed God's hospitality. Both of them lived with the wounds they bore and would have laughed at the idea that they were saints.

## 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.



| COLLECTION WEEK – 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> October |  |
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| ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH                       |  |
| Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$166.00                            |  |
| Loose Collection – \$2248.55                                 |  |

| MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST<br>ST IGNATIUS CHURCH |                      |       |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| DATE                                             | 5.00PM<br>VIGIL MASS | DATE  | 9.30AM<br>SUNDAY MASS |
| 24/10                                            | TBC                  | 25/10 | Simon Feelo           |
| 31/10                                            | Volunteer            | 01/11 | Mary Ebolo            |
| 07/11                                            | Marlon D'Souza       | 08/11 | Haydn Walters         |

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| MINISTERS OF THE WORD<br>ST JAMES CHURCH |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| DATE                                     | 11.00AM MASS        |
| 25/10                                    | Shane Healy         |
| 01/11                                    | Natasha Karunarathe |
| 08/11                                    | Herb Zimmer         |

## 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.



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