

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

30 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

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VIC 3121

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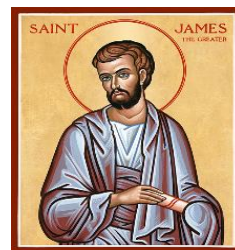
RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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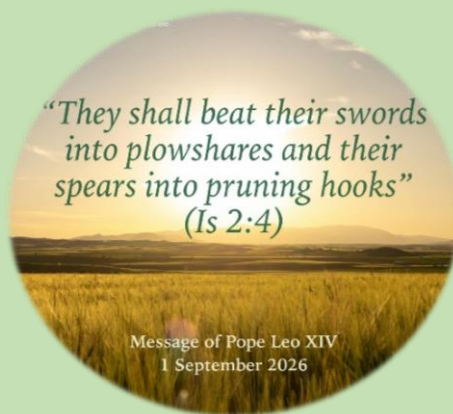
FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The World Day of Prayer for Creation is observed on 1st September each year, marking the beginning of the Season of Creation which runs until October 4.

In 2026 Pope Leo XIV chose the theme: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” drawn from the prophecy of Isaiah (Is 2:4).

*This theme emphasizes the link between **armed conflict and environmental degradation**, highlighting that war not only threatens human life, but also damages natural resources, undermining our responsibility to care for creation. The Pope’s message for the day calls for **prioritizing development and sustainability over violence**, encouraging communities to transform instruments of destruction into tools for nurturing life and promoting peace.*



CUPPA AFTER MASS

All parishioners are warmly invited to stay for drink and to share some time getting to know each other.

Our next “cuppa” after Mass will be on the following dates:
Saturday 5 September after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass in the Presbytery Kitchen

Sunday 6 September after the 9.30am Mass on the veranda outside the Presbytery.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate Father’s Day as a Parish Community.

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 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Psalm 30:20

PLEASE PRAY FOR

BAPTISM

 Celeste Collits (29/08)

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

 Rocco Dimasi (1 year Anniversary – 01/09)

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

 3rd St Gregory the Great
 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

COLLECTION WEEK – 23rd/24th August ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$283.05
Loose Collection – \$2451.80

Australian Jesuit Foundation Trust

Father's Day Collection

5/6 September 2026



As we prepare to celebrate
Father's Day it is good to remember the Jesuit
Fathers who have ministered to our Parish
Community and to express our support through a
collection on Father's Day for the retired and sick
Jesuits.

To this end, we will have a special collection next
weekend on September 5/6. Envelopes will be
provided should you wish to donate via bank transfer
or credit card. All donations of \$2 or more are tax
deductible.

Bank Details:

Name of Account: Australian Jesuit Foundation Trust

BSB: 063 145

Account No.: 1041 5400

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

We praise you, O God, Creator of all things,
whose mystery unfolds in "a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a
dewdrop, in a poor person's face"

Jesus, your Son, taught us to wonder
as he made his way throughout the land, contemplating the
beauty of creation.

We pray, O God, that you may stir in us,
a reverent awareness of our invisible link with the entire
created world.

We pray for humility-
to remember that we, too, are created and not creation's
masters.

We pray for compassion-
to open our eyes and hearts to welcome those forced to flee
from their homes due to rising sea levels and drought.

We pray for repentance-
so that our thirst for power and domination may be
transformed into service.

We pray for simplicity-
and the will to turn from our greed which impacts
vulnerable people everywhere.

We pray for cultural conversation-
that we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and
waste and exercise prudence in our decision making.

We pray for policy changes-
that as a nation and world we may work together to
reverse climate change.

Our hearts ache as we ponder:

"The world sings of an infinite love: how can we fail for
care for it?"

We praise you, O God,

Confident that you work in our hearts through our actions,
so that we may better care for our common home.

Amen.

(Prayer inspired by Pope Francis' Laudate Deum)



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.**

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.

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.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to the 2026 Archbishop Campaign. Every gift is greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/08	Peter Keogh	30/08	Mary Ebolo
05/09	Marlon D'Souza	06/09	Kaye Hogan
12/09	Giovanna Scollo	13/09	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/08	Therese Keogh	30/08	Gabrielle Keenan
05/09	Giovanna Scollo	06/09	Constantino Gonzales
12/09	Ancita D'Cunha	13/09	Leonardo Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
30/08	Aseye Banini
06/09	Shane Healy
13/09	Natasha Karunarathe

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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