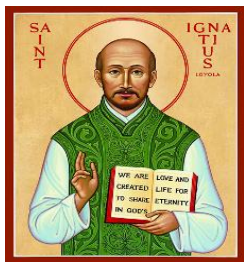


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A
22 FEBRUARY 2025



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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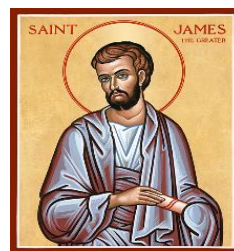
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**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.

**Richmond Catholic Parish
invites you to...**

**LENTEN REFLECTION WITH
FR FRANK O'LOUGHLIN**

AT ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

326 CHURCH STREET RICHMOND 3121

Thursday 26 February, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

TOPIC: The Whole Liturgy is Symbolic

Thursday 12 March, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

TOPIC: The Eucharist - Doing what Jesus did



Fr Frank O'Loughlin is a priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He studied Fundamental Theology at the Urban University in Rome and gained a doctorate on the topic of the Theology and Sociology of Knowledge. He studied Liturgy at the Irish Institute of Pastoral Liturgy and lectured in Fundamental and Sacramental Theology and Liturgy at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. He was parish priest of Sacred Heart, Sandringham, for nearly 24 years and is currently a retired assistant priest in the Parish of Our Lady of Pentecost in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne.



CUPPA AFTER MASS

You are Invited!

All parishioners are invited to stay for a “cuppa” and to share some time getting to know each other.

***Sunday 1 March after the 9.30am
Mass – on the veranda outside the
Presbytery.***

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 90:15-16*

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17***(R.)** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Romans 5:12-19**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL*Matthew 4:1-11**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

✚ Ariana Lukic (22/02)

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.



✚ 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.

COLLECTION WEEK – February	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$276.00	
Loose Collection – \$2219.20	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
21/02	Marlon D'Souza	22/02	Mary Ebolo
28/02	Peter Keogh	01/03	Simon Feely
07/03	Martin O'Brian	08/03	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
21/02	Mary Burns	22/02	Leonardo Vong
28/02	Therese Keogh	01/03	Anonda Le Messurier
07/03	Giovanna Scollo	08/03	Aaron McDonnell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
22/02	Shane Healy
01/03	Natasha Karunarathe
08/03	Herb Zimmer

2026/2027 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who generously supports the ongoing works of the Richmond Catholic Parish through your weekly Thanksgiving contributions. Thanksgiving Envelopes beginning 1 March 2026 to 21 February 2027 are now available from the back of St Ignatius Church and St James Church.

If there are any current or new parishioners who would like to contribute to the Parish's Thanksgiving Program via weekly envelopes or Direct Debit, please contact Licia Marchese at the Parish office further details.

Once again, thank you for your support.

*Fr Trung Nguyen SJ
Parish Priest*

 MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026
**"LISTENING AND
FASTING"**
 POPE LEO XIV

I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour.

Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.



REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance, which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God, which is shown to us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. *God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.*

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

Dianne Bergant CSA



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

Once again, next weekend, as a Parish we are assisting with the work of the "Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project" (BASP) by organising the collection of the items as suggested below.

BASP helps over 250 people a month with housing or rental payments. It also provides groceries to many people - some delivered to their home and some collected by individuals from the centre.

It covers bills and daily expenses for people who are unable to work due to illness or because the government has not given them the right to work.

BASP volunteers provide social support and friendship to many of the people we assist. BASP is also involved in advocating for a fair, just and timely process for people seeking asylum. **There are people who have been in Australia for 12 years still waiting for a visa. These years of uncertainty have a damaging impact on individuals and families.**

FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO ASSIST BASP:

Black Tea	Shampoo
Coffee Small/Medium Jar	Honey
Long Life Full Cream Milk	Strawberry Jam
Oil - Olive and Vegetable	Dates
Basmati Rice – 1kg	Sweet Biscuits
Instant Noodles	Tuna in Oil
Salt and Pepper	Saving Cream and Razors
Washing Liquid and Powder - 1kg	Gladwrap
Bin Liners – Large	Dishwashing Liquid
Spray n' Wipe	Sponges
Toilet Duck	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Please place your items in a shopping bag and place the bag in the collect boxes in the Church.



PROJECT COMPASSION First Sunday of Lent Manaini's Story

In remote northern Fiji, life has always been a struggle for 44 - year-old Manaini, a mother of six and grandmother of two.

Holding back tears, she shared, "The thing I worry about the most is my kids' education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to try to achieve with my daily income."

Meals were often plain and unbalanced, and store-bought food was too expensive. Leftover crops were fed to animals, and at night the village was in darkness, leaving children and the elderly unsafe.

Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training offered by Caritas Australia's local partner, Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development (FRIEND), where she learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops into flour and increase her weekly income.

Manaini's daughter received financial literacy training and shared the lessons at home. The family now manages their income wisely and no longer wastes what they earn. Manaini is proud of her progress and still dreams of more. She hopes to expand the women's business and one day bring solar power to the village.