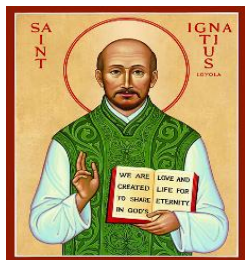


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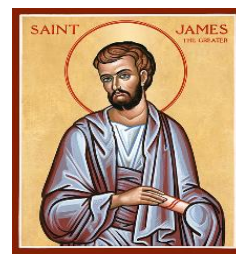


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)
Administrative Assistant: Miss Julia Cappozzo

Operation hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm
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FEAST DAY- 25 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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Principal

Nigel Rodrigues
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**Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special
Jubilee Year coinciding with the 800th
anniversary of the death of St Francis of
Assisi**



*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
Prayer for Peace*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace:*

*where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

**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.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY AND JOIN US AFTER
MASS
FOR
OUR FIRST**

“CUPPA AFTER MASS” FOR 2026

✙ **Saturday 31 January after the 5.00pm Vigil
Mass - in the Presbytery Kitchen**

✙ **Sunday 1 February after the 9.30am Mass - on
the Presbytery Veranda**



All are welcome

ENTRANCE

Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

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, 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 8:23 - 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he
will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far
side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the
spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between
you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves,
to be united again in your belief and practice.
From what Chloe's people have been telling me,
my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious
differences among you. What I mean are all these
slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am
for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'.
Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that
was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the
name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to
preach the Good News, and not to preach that in
the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion
of Christ cannot be expressed.

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 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went
back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and
settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the
borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the
prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Psalm 33:6

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

✚ Jax Vasileski (25/01)

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

✚ Cormac Keenan



RECENTLY DECEASED

*In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they
rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.*

✚ Sr Joyce Stewart fcJ (24/12/25)

*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.*

JANUARY FEAST DAYS

✚ 24	St. Francis de Sales
✚ 26	St. Timothy and St. Titus
✚ 27	St Angela Merici
✚ 31	St. John Bosco

COLLECTION WEEK – 17th & 18th January ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH

Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$287.15

Loose Collection – \$2259.50

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/01	Martin O'Brian	25/01	Mary Ebolo
31/01	Peter Keogh	01/02	Simon Feely
07/02	Giovanna Scollo	08/02	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/01	Ancita D'Cunha	25/01	Josepha Nadu
31/01	Therese Keogh	01/02	Kaye Hogan
07/02	Marlon D'Souza	08/02	Gabrielle Keenan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
25/01	Barbara Shea
01/02	Margaret Gibson
08/02	Louisa Luu

*This year's Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the
Eucharist rosters are available for collection.*

*If you did not receive your copy, please ring Licia
Marchese in the Parish office on 8420 6789, and it can be
emailed to you.*

*Thank you for your on-going support of this important
ministry.*



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Voice of Jesus*

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF GRACE PRAESIDIUM

The Richmond Catholic Parish Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Grace Praesidium invites parishioners to participate in the Legion's weekly meetings.

The meetings are held every Monday beginning at 10.30am in the Loyola Room, which is located in the Parish Hall.

For further enquiries, please contact Lucia Crivera on 9428 7481.

AUSTRALIA DAY

26 JANUARY 2026

Historical Context

Australia Day marks the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788, when British Captain Arthur Phillip raised the Union Flag, signifying the establishment of the first permanent European settlement in Australia. This event is seen as the beginning of British colonization, which has shaped the country's history and identity. Over the years, the day has evolved from informal celebrations to a national public holiday, officially recognized in 1994.

Cultural Significance

Australia Day serves as a day for Australians to come together to celebrate their national identity and the diverse cultures that make up the nation. It is marked by various events, including community festivals, citizenship ceremonies, and the Australian of the Year Awards, which recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to society. More than half of all Australians participate in these celebrations, fostering a sense of unity and pride.

Reflection and Acknowledgment

While Australia Day is a time of celebration, it is also a day of reflection, particularly for Indigenous Australians, who view January 26 as "Invasion Day." This perspective highlights the impact of colonization on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and emphasizes the need for reconciliation and recognition of their history and culture. The day encourages discussions about Australia's complex past and the importance of acknowledging the contributions and rights of Indigenous communities.

Conclusion

In summary, Australia Day is important not only for celebrating the achievements and diversity of the nation but also for reflecting on its history and the ongoing journey towards reconciliation with Indigenous Australians. It is a day that embodies both pride and contemplation, making it a significant event in the Australian calendar.