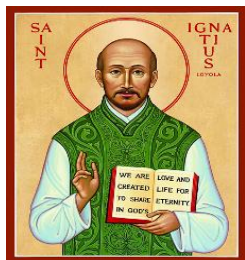


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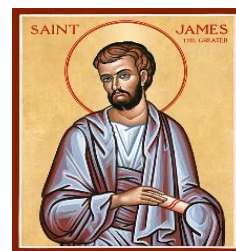


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

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
Phone: (03) 8420 6789 Email: parish@ignatius.org.au



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

TRINITY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

57-61 Davison Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121

www.tcs.catholic.edu.au

Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
Tel: 03 9428 7180

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH FROM FR. TRUNG NGUYEN SJ AND OUR RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OFFICE STAFF.

Our Parish Office has now re-opened for 2026.
Opening hours are Monday to Friday from
9.00am to 4.00pm.

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



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 65:4*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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 49:3. 5-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.*

(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 1:14. 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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 22:5*

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches
my thirst.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

- ✚ Matues Tarcisio Burley Araujo (17/01)
- ✚ Jacob Lawrence Burley Araujo (17/01)

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.*

- ✚ Margaret Jansen (04/01)
- ✚ Van Xieu Nguyen (13/01)

*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

17	St. Anthony
20	St. Fabiam, St. Sebastian
21	St Agnes
22	St. Vincent
24	St. Francis de Sales

COLLECTION WEEK – 10 th & 11 th January	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$357.00	
Loose Collection – \$1784.30	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/01	Volunteer	18/01	Volunteer
24/01	Martin O'Brian	25/01	Mary Ebolo
31/01	Peter Keogh	01/02	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/01	Volunteer	18/01	Volunteer
24/01	Ancita D'Cunha	25/01	Josepha Nadu
31/01	Therese Keogh	01/02	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD –	
ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
18/01	Volunteer
25/01	Barbara Shea
01/02	Margaret Gibson



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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

Pope Leo has established that from 10 January 2026, following the closing of the Church's Jubilee Year, until 10 January 2027, a special year of St Francis of Assisi, may be proclaimed, in which every Christian, "following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may become a model of holiness of life and constant witness of peace".

In a statement announcing the decree's promulgation, the Franciscan Friars invited Catholics to take part in the Jubilee celebrations, expressing the hope that St Francis' example would inspire participants to "live with authentic Christian charity towards our



neighbour and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples".

In their statement, the friars also hoped that this year of St Francis might "be for each one of us a providential occasion for sanctification and evangelical witness in the contemporary world, for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church".

In October, 2025, the Basilica of St Francis announced that Pope Leo had granted permission to display the saint's body from 22 February – 26 March 2026.

Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi, said the start of the eighth-centenary celebration was "an explosion of true joy", coming from the heart and "from the commitment of each of us to rediscover Francis in all his dimensions. "The wish I make to everyone and to the entire Church is to rediscover this saint of ours, to rediscover Jesus, the only source of joy and peace"

GRATITUDE FROM JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE



We received the following letter from Jesuit Refugee Service:

'Dear Trung,

On behalf of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for Richmond Parish's recent donation of \$9,000.

Your parish's contribution will help us continue our work accompanying some of the most vulnerable members of our community and building a society where they can flourish.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can support you and the parish. As you know, I am now visiting Melbourne on a regular basis, so I'd be happy to assist with mass supply if needed or find an opportunity present on the work of JRS.

May you and your parish community enjoy a very blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Brett O'Neill, S.J.
Country Director'