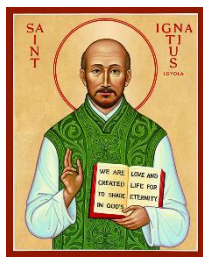


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

3 AUGUST 2025



FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH
326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick
1st Friday of the Month

Adoration & Benediction
11.00am Friday

ST JAMES CHURCH
162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND,
VIC 3121

Mass Times
Sunday: 11.00am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Wedding

Contact Parish Office

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VIC 3121

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Principal

Nigel Rodrigues

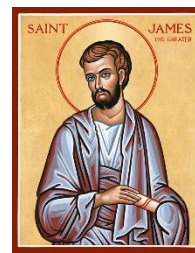
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

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.

HAPPY FEAST DAY OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 3 AUGUST 2025

Congratulations and blessings to the children receiving their First Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

This morning, as a Parish Faith Community we are celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Patron saint of the Richmond Catholic Parish and founder of the Society of Jesus.

The Richmond Catholic Parish has been in the care of the Society of Jesus from its beginning. Influenced by Ignatian charism and spirituality, the faithful are encouraged to reflect on their experiences and to discern God's will in their lives.

Today, is an opportunity for us as a Faith Community to give thanks for the past and present Jesuit Clergy who have served the Richmond Catholic Parish.

Also, today, as a Parish, we bear witness to a number of students from our Parish Community who will receive their First Eucharist. The following words were spoken by Pope Francis, to a group of children making their First Eucharist:

"Today you will make your First Communion, always remember this day your whole life; the first day that Jesus came to you. He comes, makes Himself one with you, makes our food, our nourishment to give us strength"

As we reflect on these words of Pope Francis, we give thanks for all the teachers, relatives and friends of these students who have prepared them for their First Eucharist and who will guide them in their future growth in faith.

When we discern God's will for us and live it, that is when we truly find our purpose, life, joy and peace.

We welcome Bishop Thinh Nguyen, DD our main celebrant for the celebration of the Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola.

HAPPY FEAST DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Jer. 20: 7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34

(R.) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

2. Glorify the LORD with me;
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
From all my terrors he set me free.

3. Look toward him and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
And rescued him from all his distress.

4. The angel of the LORD is encamped
Around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

5. Fear the LORD, you his holy ones.
They lack nothing, those who fear him.
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
But those who seek the LORD lack no blessings.

SECOND READING

1Cor 10:31

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do
everything for the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews
or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please
everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own
advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14: 25-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned
and said to them: "Whoever comes to me and does not
hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and
sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot
be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a
tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see
whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when
he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all
who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow
began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king,
going out to wage war against another king, will not sit
down first and consider whether he is able with ten
thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with
twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is
still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms
of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my
disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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 Luke 12:49*

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the
earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!

JULY 31 FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA

By Fr Andy Hamilton, SJ.



I have always been struck by the changes in St Ignatius Loyola from the hot-spirited ambitious courtier and military officer to the beggar-preacher and wanderer, to the student-evangelist and to the desk-slave governing from a distance a fast-growing religious congregation. He would be a wonderful candidate for a This is Your Life program!

Perhaps the change in him that speaks most directly to our world today lies in his relationships to other people.

In our scratchy times the frustrations and anxieties that hard economic times bring to most people are expressed in political hostility, in the bad-tempered tone of discussion of the Referendum and in the lack of respect for women especially through domestic violence. In such a climate St Ignatius' growth as a person and as a Saint through the variety and depth of his relationships deserves reflection.

When we first meet Ignatius in the brief account of his early life written at the request of a young Jesuit, he is a young courtier. He was inspired by the desire to win over a noble lady and to distinguish himself in war. He shared the narrow vision of masculinity characteristic of young nobles, with its emphasis on bravery in battle, dominance in love and in other relationships, softened by the desire to serve rather than seize the noble woman of his dreams. He would be faithful in love, loyal to his Lord and to his fellow soldiers and ruthless to his enemies.

He showcases this character by insisting on continuing to fight a lost cause in the siege of Pamplona, and by his vanity and courage in having his leg rebroken when recovering from his wounds. Then, after an amicable conversation with a Muslim man who questioned Mary's virginity after giving birth, he left it to his donkey to decide whether he should pursue and kill him for the perceived blasphemy. As he moved abruptly from the world of castles and wealth to begging on the streets, however, he wanted to share the benefits of his own experience by helping to help people discover God and themselves. In his travelling he met people previously outside his experience – old women, people down on their luck, police, Inquisitors, a range of clergy, prisoners and their guards, poor students and professors, prostitutes, soldiers from other armies, ships captains and crew, Cardinals, Muslims in their own country and people from many parts of the world who wanted to join his new Religious Congregation.

In all these encounters he focused on meeting the person with whom he was speaking. He looked into their hearts and not at their robes or weapons. He also set aside strategies and flattery in his dealing with others. He avoided being killed by soldiers because they regarded him as an idiot for speaking truly. He relied on the truth to save him in a time of religious intolerance.

That experience coloured his governance of the new Society of Jesus. In an age like our own in its many wars, religious intolerance and mutual suspicion between people of different nations, he insisted on simplicity and avoiding intolerance and abusive language. Young Jesuits were to relate to one another

as brothers regardless of their differences in origin, nation and achievements. Above all they were to win souls, not debates. In a time of religious wars he wanted the Jesuits to make peace and not war.

This focus on persons and not on their labels led him and other Jesuits to found shelters for women forced by poverty into prostitution. Despite the risk of which others warned him to his and the Jesuits’ reputation he insisted on keeping them open.

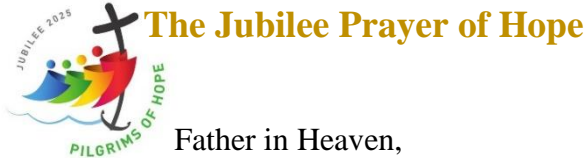
St Ignatius was about inscribing people’s names in the book of life, not cancelling them. For that he has much to say to our own day.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
26/07	Peter Keogh	27/07	Mary Ebolo
02/08	NO VIGIL MASS	03/08	TBC
09/08	Martin O’Brian	10/08	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
26/07	Therese Keogh	27/07	Sr Barbara Brown- Graham fcJ
02/08	NO VIGIL MASS	03/08	TBC
09/08	Giovanna Scollo	10/08	Sr Tina Lubond FDZ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
27/07	Louise Luu
03/08	NO MASS AT ST JAMES
10/08	Shane Healy

COLLECTION WEEK – 26 th dand 27 th July 2025 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES	
Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$	
Loose Collection - \$	



Father in Heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and an a new earth,
when, the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May the same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Franciscus