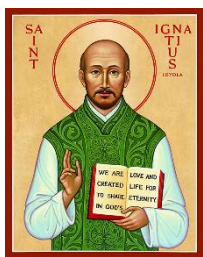


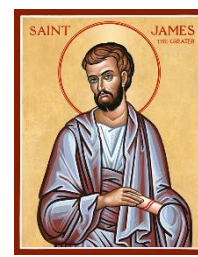
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18th May 2025



FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
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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

TRINITY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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VIC 3121**

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*Welcome and Introducing
Fr Maciej Obzazgiewiecz SJ*



**Fr Maciej Obzazgiewiecz SJ will be residing in the Jesuit
Richmond Community for four weeks, beginning 24 May until
24 June**

A short biography about Fr Maciej Obzazgiewiecz SJ:

I am a Jesuit from the northern province of Poland.

*I joined the Society of Jesus in 2006 and did my formation in
Poland, Ecuador, and France.*

*Before beginning my Tertianship in Australia, I worked in a
network of schools for the poor in South America («Fe y Alegría»),
studied for my doctorate (The Question of Charismatic
Experience), and was responsible for a retreat house in Warsaw,
where I had the privilege of giving Spiritual Exercises.*

*I am fascinated by Ignatian Spirituality, Theology and basketball.
In my free time I like to build with Lego bricks.*

**Fr Maciej Obzazgiewiecz SJ will be leading talks on
Ignatian Spirituality.**

**The talks over four weeks will begin at 7.00pm on the
following evenings:**

Week 1 Tues. 27 May	Emotions in Spiritual life and their role.
Week 2 Tues. 3 June	Introduction to Discernment of Spirits According to St. Ignatius Loyola.
Week 3 Tues. 10 June	Rules for discerning spirits.
Week 4 Tues. 17 June	How to make a Good Decision?

In order for the Parish to prepare for these evenings, please
register your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Phone: 842 6789

Email: parish@ignatius.org.au

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 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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 *Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1*

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Revelation 21:1-5**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

This is 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

John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, say
the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, Alleluia.




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.*

*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*



RECENTLY DECEASED

-  Marcelina Basilisa Carrasco
-  Wallace James Mitchell
-  Leslie Francis Murray

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/05	Giovanna Scollo	18/05	Kaye Hogan
24/05	Martin D'Souza	25/05	Simon Feely
31/05	Therese Keogh	01/06	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/05	Henry Mai	18/05	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ
24/05	Mary Burns	25/05	Gabrielle Keenan
31/05	Peter Keogh	01/06	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
18/05	Barbara Shea
25/05	Margaret Gibson
01/6	Herb Zimmer

COLLECTION WEEK – 10th /11th May 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$373.00
Loose Collection - \$2,571.10

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

“We have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us”. (1J 14,16) is a four week retreat in daily life, which is an adaptation of St Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises. The retreat will be an opportunity for you to slow down and **look into your heart together with Jesus**. You will learn basic spiritual exercises, practiced by Jesuits in almost five centuries, that will help you live more consciously, closer to yourself and closer to God.

The retreat is **only** for those who are ready to:

- devote about **65 minutes** a day to various spiritual exercises
- participate in weekly meetings (Holy Mass, conference and introduction to prayer – about two hours)
- meet with an assigned spiritual director once a week or share in group

There are few people who sense how great things God would do with their lives if they gave them to Him.
(Ignatius Loyola)

TENTATIVE DATES:

From 26 May to 23 June.

Time to be Confirmed

Anyone who is interested in participating, please email or phone the Parish office, in order for us to gauge interest.

FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Saturday 24 May is the feast of Mary Help of Christians – the patroness of Australia.

The establishment of the feast has an interesting history, and a unique place in the Catholic history of Australia.

The feast focuses on Our Lady’s help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and to

stand against anti-Christian forces.

Pope Pius VII established the feast in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians in 1815.

After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, he established the feast in thanksgiving for his release.

Australia, a new colony at that time, had no Catholic priests and therefore no Mass available.

The faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain the Catholic community.

In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION AND BLESSING

Last weekend, the Richmond Catholic Parish acknowledged all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures by bestowing a special blessing on them by Fr Trung Nguyen SJ, our Parish Priest.

The altar servers presented them with a beautiful rose to mark their special day.

