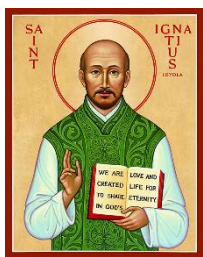


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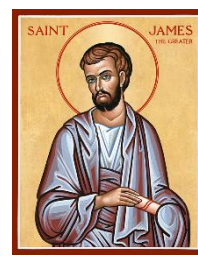


**FEAST DAY- 31 JULY**

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ  
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)  
Administrative assistants: Miss Julia Cappozzo and Mrs. Helen Gagliano

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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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
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**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE**  
**8.00pm THURSDAY 10 APRIL**



**HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL**  
**CELEBRATIONS**

**ST IGNATIUS CHURCH:**

**HOLY THURSDAY – 17 April**

**6.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper – English  
**8.00pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper - Vietnamese

**GOOD FRIDAY – 18 April**

**10.30am** ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
*Gather near the Club Rooms at Citizen Park, Highett Street  
Richmond*

**Passion of the Lord**

**3.00pm** – English  
**5.00pm** – Vietnamese

**EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY 19 APRIL**

**7.00pm** – English  
**9.00pm** – Vietnamese

**EASTER SUNDAY – 20 APRIL**

Masses as usual

**EASTER MONDAY – 21 APRIL**

**9.30am** - English  
**Midday** – Polish

**ST JAMES CHURCH:**

**EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL**  
**9.30am Mass - English**

**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

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15*

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

## SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

*Luke 13:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

### 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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/03	Haydn Walters	23/03	Mary Ebolo
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Simon Feely
05/04	Marlon D'Souza	06/04	Raquel Gonzales

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/03	Marlon D'Souza	23/03	Leonardo Vong
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Adelia Vong
05/04	Giovanna Scollo	06/04	Simon Feely

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
23/03	Shane Healy
30/03	Natasha
06/04	Margaret Gibson

### COLLECTION WEEK – 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> MAR 2025 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$425.30

Loose Collection - \$1745.60

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

### 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](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au)

### Sacrament of Baptism

✚ Elijah Senadeera (23<sup>rd</sup> Mar)

### Recently Deceased

✚ Andrea McLinden (14<sup>th</sup> Mar)

Former member of St. James Faith Community.  
Died in Sale, aged 52yrs.

### Anniversaries

✚ Carmelo (Charlie) Gauci

Died 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015, aged 80 yrs.

## FEAST DAYS - MARCH

25 The Annunciation of the Lord

The announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus (Luke 1:26–38). The angel's pronouncement is met with Mary's willing consent ("Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"), and thus precipitates the Incarnation of Christ and his redemption of the world.

### ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

### LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

Week 3 Tuesday 25 March – 7.00pm – Gospel of Luke

Week 4 Tuesday 1 April - 7.00pm – Gospel of John



### Stay for a Cuppa after Mass

Our next "Cuppa" after Mass will be on the following dates:

**Sat. 29 March** after 5pm Vigil Mass in the Presbytery.

**Sun. 30 March** after 9.30am Mass on the Veranda outside the Presbytery.

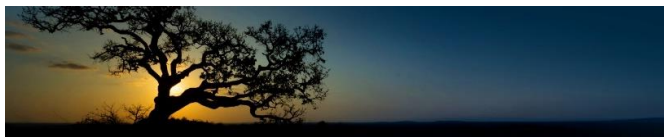
## The Jubilee Prayer 2025



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 a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that 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

Franciscans



### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation. To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now,

but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished

so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

watering us with the waters of baptism;

pruning us, especially during Lent;

nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow

Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a

heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*