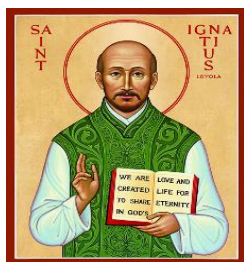


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A
SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025**

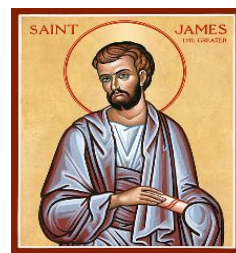


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

**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**

**57-61 Davison Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121**

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Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
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ADVENT

Advent is time of promise, of hope and of waiting. The word Advent comes from the old Latin word, “adventus” referring to “an arrival, an approach or a coming”.

Advent carries profound spiritual significance. It is a season of hope, reminding us of God’s promise of salvation. Through the lens of Advent, we reflect on the coming of Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy, emphasizing God’s faithfulness and love. The season encourages introspection, inviting us to examine our lives, repent of shortcomings, and deepen our relationship with God. By focusing on hope, peace, joy, and love, Advent fosters spiritual growth and renewal.

The spiritual focus of Advent also emphasizes the idea of waiting. In a world driven by instant gratification, this season calls us to practice patience and mindfulness, embracing the beauty of anticipation. Waiting during Advent becomes an act of faith, trusting in God’s timing and His plans for humanity. Through prayer, scripture meditation, and participation in traditional practices, we can experience a profound sense of connection with God and the spiritual essence of the season.

Advent is rich with symbols and traditions that convey its spiritual meaning. Among the most prominent is the Advent wreath, a circular arrangement of evergreen branches, symbolizing eternal life, holding five candles. Each candle represents a theme of the season: hope, peace, joy, and love. The fifth candle known as the “Christ Candle”. It represents the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Lighting these candles sequentially during the four weeks of Advent serves as a visual reminder of Christ’s coming and spiritual illumination. The “Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve.



This week we light the first purple candle (Hope): Often referred to as the Prophet’s Candle, this purple candle symbolizes hope and anticipation of the Messiah’s coming. It represents the prophecies of the Old Testament, particularly those of Isaiah, who foretold the arrival of Christ.

**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 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING*Isaiah 2:1-5**A reading from the prophet of Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem

In the days to come, the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say : ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’ He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9***(R.)** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 ‘Let us go to God’s house.’
 And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel’s law it is,
 there to praise the Lord’s name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement
 of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
 ‘Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
 I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
 For love of the house of the Lord
 I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Romans 13:11-14**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 24:37-44**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

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

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth
shall yield its increase.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS:

- ✚ Ashton Tien Mizzi (29 November)
- ✚ Sofia Grace Hill (29 November)

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

To add to our prayer list, please notify the parish
office by Tuesday 10.00am by ringing 8420 6789 or
email: parish@ignatius.org.au

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

- ✚ Richard Netzel (12/11/25)
- ✚ Ingeborg Kordes (18/11/25)

*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.*

FEAST DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- ✚ 29th Bl Bernard Francis de Hoyos, SJ
- ✚ 30th St Andrew, Ap

FEAST DAYS IN DECEMBER

- ✚ 3rd St Francis Xavier PR, SJ
- ✚ 7th St Ambrose Bp, Dr
- ✚ 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
- ✚ 10th Our Lady of Loreto
- ✚ 12th Our lady of Guadalupe
- ✚ 13th St Lucy

NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS



The month of November is
dedicated to praying for our
dearly departed loved ones.

St Ignatius Church and St
James Church have a
“Remembrance Booklet” in
which parishioners are invited to
write the names of their deceased loved ones.

They will be remembered in our prayers during all
our Parish Masses.

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AS A MINISTER OF THE WORD AND MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

The parish office is about to organize the 2026
Rosters for Ministers of the Eucharist and
Ministers of the Word.

If you would like to contribute to our Parish Faith
Community in one of the above roles, please
contact Licia Marchese in the Parish Office on
8420 6789 or email parish@ignatius.org.au.

To our existing Ministers, we thank you for your
ongoing support to our Parish Faith Community,
we will be in contact with you to confirm your
commitment for 2026.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

This weekend as a Parish
we are assisting with the
work of the “Brigidine
Asylum Seekers Project”.

BASP helps over 250 people a month with housing
or rental payments. It also provides groceries to
many people – some delivered to their home and
some collected by individuals from the centre.

GIFTS FOR CHANGE



This Christmas, give a gift that transforms lives. Jesuit Mission's Gifts for Change allow you to replace a traditional present with an impactful gift.

Each gift, available as a personalised printed or e-card, comes with a beautiful illustration by participants of Jesuit Mission projects.

Your gift could:

- Build sustainable communities with clean water and food security
- Fund a teacher, scholarship, or a bicycle for a child to attend school and peddle their way out of poverty
- Provide food, medical care, or safety for families in crisis
- Empower people with disabilities

Give a life-changing gift today at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/christmas>

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal



Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal. Each year the Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. With

your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so Vinnies can continue serving the community.

During 2025, our Richmond Conference members have made visits to 208 needy households and provided food vouchers and Vinnies shop cards to the value of \$22,900 as well as furniture to 18 households.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating to our Richmond Conference in any of the following ways:

- Online vinnies.org.au/vic or call 13 18 12
- Collect an envelope from the Church and post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

ACYF Launch and Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon and Pilgrimage Walk Sunday 30 November



All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome more than 6,000 young pilgrims from across Australia for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Let us gather, together as the local Church in Melbourne to share in their joy and offer a truly warm Melbourne welcome.

Cathedral Program:

- 1:30 pm – Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities, gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.
- 2:30 pm – Reception of the World Youth Day (WYD) Cross and Icon: Join us as we welcome these powerful symbols of faith, which have travelled the world inspiring young Catholics.
- 3:00 pm – Pilgrimage Walk: A pilgrimage of hope, led by the WYD Cross and Icon, journeying 5km from the Cathedral to MCEC (note: only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km walk from the Cathedral to Birrarung Marr is also available.

Our Parish is being represented by a number of young people from the Vietnamese Eucharistic Movement.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/11	Peter Keogh	30/11	Kaye Hogan
06/12	Haydn Walters	07/12	Raquel Gonzales
13/12	Giovanna Scollo	14/12	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/11	Therese Keogh	30/11	Leonardo Vong
06/12	Volunteer	07/12	Adelia Vong
13/12	Andrew Mai	14/12	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
30/11	Herb Zimmer
07/12	Margaret Gibson
14/12	Volunteer

COLLECTION WEEK – 22 nd & 23 rd November ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$ 211.00	
Loose Collection – \$ 1948.75	