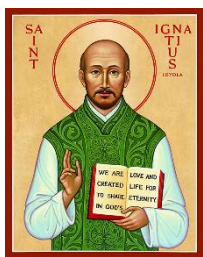


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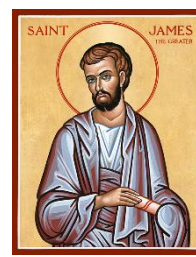


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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
Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/richmond>



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

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

11.00am - Polish
Midday – English

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*Psalm 42:1-2*

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING*Isaiah 43:16-21**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 125:3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING*Philippians 3:8-14**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look
on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have
Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying
for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that
comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based
on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of
his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can
hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not
that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I
am still running, trying to capture the prize for which
Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers,
I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can
say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is
still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to
which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

This is Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL*John 8:1-11**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak, he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came
to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent
down and started writing on the ground with his finger.
As they persisted with their question, he looked up and
said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him
be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down
and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this,
they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest,
until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained
standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where
are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she
replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away,
and don't sin any more

This is 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 *John 8:10-11*

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no
more.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
05/04	Marlon D'Souza	06/04	Raquel Gonzales
12/04	Peter Keogh	13/04	Mary Ebolo
19/04	Volunteer	20/04	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
05/04	Giovanna Scollo	06/04	Adelia Vong
12/04	Therese Keogh	13/04	Constantino Gonzales
19/04	Volunteer	20/04	Cory Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
06/04	Margaret Gibson
13/04	Herb Zimmer
20/04	Pat Kelly

COLLECTION WEEK – 29th/30th MARCH 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$343.30
Loose Collection - \$3054.65

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*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- ✚ Luka Kian Lay (6th April)
- ✚ Miles Ricardo Lay (6th April)

RECENTLY DECEASED

- ✚ Brian Walshe



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again, we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
5th and 6th of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures.

In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

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

Francis



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIATE
(GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION 18 APRIL

The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

What has been accomplished?

Normally, each year's Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection:

- Supports 29 Parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps keep schools open for over 10,000 Pre-K through to Grade 12 students
- Supports 120 men preparing to become priests or brothers
- Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Create 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the Prophets.

Last year, the Parishioners of the Richmond Catholic Parish, donated \$3930.25 to the Commissariat for the ongoing works in the Holy Land.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land by making a donation via the envelopes provided in St Ignatius Church and St James Church.