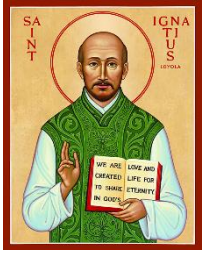


# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

17 November 2024

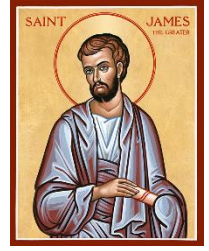


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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

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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

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## WATCH FOR THE SIGNS OF THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Brendan Byrne SJ

The **Gospel** for today, Mark 13:24-32, features the climactic moment in the discourse when Jesus describes the arrival of the Son of Man. The vivid apocalyptic imagery is there to portray the truth that the One who was crucified and seemingly overcome by evil, is now about to extend the triumph of his resurrection over the entire universe. The events described have their forbidding aspects but it is important to stress that the message for the faithful remains one of assurance and vindication. Things may be dismaying and tough now but the future belongs to God and to the values demonstrated in the life of Jesus, rather than with human forces of death and exploitation. What we do not know is how much longer the struggle must go on. That remains wrapped in God's mystery – even, in Mark's view, for the earthly Jesus ('the Son') himself.

Understood in this way, the Gospel, for all its outward strangeness, addresses very fittingly the present uncertain situation of our world and the dismay many experience as a result of it. Jesus knows and has taken into account the way we feel.

Please note:

A REMINDER THAT:

THE VIETNAMESE MASS ON SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
**HAS BEEN MOVED TO 5:00PM**  
(instead of 4:00pm).

### Stay Connected!

If you would like to receive the  
**weekly bulletin** via email, please sign up on the  
parish website or simply scan this QR code.



### 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## 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 the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING *Daniel 12: 1-3*

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps15: 5. 8-11*

**Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand,  
I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

## SECOND READING *Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 21: 36*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
That you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL *Mark 13: 24-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see

these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

### **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** *Psalm 72: 28*

To be near God is my happiness,  
To place my hope in God the Lord.

### **IGNATIUS MEN'S GROUP UPDATE**

The group meets are scheduled for the  
2nd Monday of each month at 7pm  
in the Presbytery.

**The next meeting will be held on  
Monday, 9 December.  
New members welcome.**

Enquiries to [parish@ignatius.org.au](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au)



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children from Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word **at St James during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>) and on:**

- **November 24**
- **December 1 and 8**

The children will leave the main body of the Church just after the beginning of Mass and return for the Offertory Procession.

This activity is facilitated by Mrs Annabelle Marinelli, Deputy Principal at Trinity Catholic School with the assistance of a number of school parents.



### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

## *Prayer for November*

Lord God, in this month of November, as the sun begins to warm and the days become longer and nature blooms, we take time to remember those people in our lives who have died.

With the death of a loved one, a light goes out. Our lives seem darker without them. There is a light that can dispel the sadness of grief – the Light of Christ and belief in life everlasting.

We ask you to bless our memories of our beloved dead and comfort us in our sadness. We ask you to heal our hearts and give us the strength to go forward with our lives. We ask that you welcome our loved ones with open arms into your ever-loving presence.

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) .*

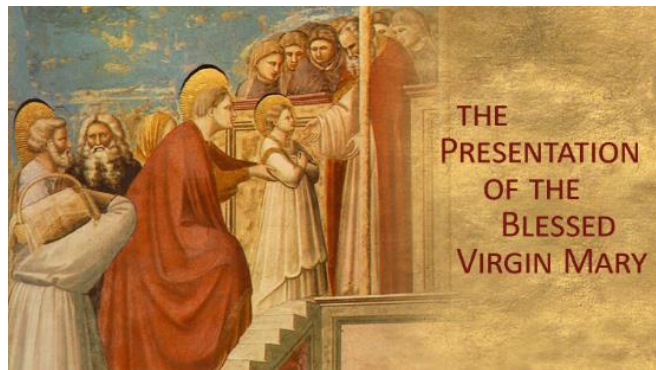
### **FEAST DAYS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 11 St Martin of Tours
- 12 St Josephat
- 13 St Stanislaus Kostka SJ
- 14 St Joseph Pignatelli SJ
- 21 Presentation of Mary
- 22 St Cecilia

# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



**The Feast of the Presentation of Mary on 21 November is a reminder to us of the many women who left their own nations to teach in Catholic convents throughout Australia.**

The story of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple does not appear in the New Testament. It is found in the Gospel of James, one of the many Gospels written in different early Christian communities to encourage their members. It dates from the second century and was drawn on in later Christian literature. It is a prequel to the stories of Jesus' infancy in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. It describes Mary's birth to Joachim and Anne and her childhood. It responds to the interest of early Christians in Mary's birth as a virgin and in the role of Joseph in their marriage. The story of Anne's pregnancy and of her presentation of Mary to the temple is modelled on the Old Testament story of Hannah's shame at her childlessness, her prayer to God for a child, the birth of her son Samuel, and her presentation of him to God in the Temple.

In Jewish law mothers were ritually impure for 40 days after birth, and the first-born male of every animal was to be sacrificed to God. At the end of 40 days, mothers were freed from ritual impurity in the Temple, and in the case of male children an animal sacrifice was offered instead of the child. This ritual, prescribed in the book of Exodus, recalled the freeing of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. In Luke's Gospel Mary brought Jesus to the Temple after Jesus' birth, and was cleansed of ritual impurity, while offering a sacrifice for him as her first-born.

Anne too, was duly purified after birth. A year later Joachim and Anne invited people to a great feast when they brought Mary to the priests who blessed her. They decided, however, to postpone giving her to the Lord at the Temple until she was a little older, and so would not miss her parents. When she was three – a little young, we might think today, they presented her to the Temple, where the priest welcomed, her and

sat her down on the third step of the altar. Then, as she climbed to go to the priest 'she danced on her feet and all the house of Israel loved her. And her parents went down, marvelling and praising and glorifying the lord God that the child hadn't turned back. And Mary was in the Temple of the Lord.'

The Gospel of James was the basis for the Latin Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew which became popular in the Medieval Western Church. Its stories were embellished by other writers and provided the basis for medieval and later painters' treatment of Mary's life. Those paintings, many of which represent the pathos of any scene in which a young woman leaves her family to follow her dreams, perhaps explain why in the late 18th century many women's religious congregations in France and Ireland were named after the Presentation of Mary. The images of Mary leaving her parents and climbing the steps to the Temple appeal to the generosity both of the young women who joined them and of the family who entrusted them to the Convent.

For Australian Catholics the Feast reminds us of the debt that we owe to the Presentation sisters and to so many others who left their own nations to teach in Catholic convents throughout Australia. They were the mothers of faith in Australia.

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
16/11	Haydn Walters	17/11	Kaye Hogan
23/11	Giovanna Scollo	24/11	Simon Feely
30/11	Marlon S'Souza	1/12	Licia Marchese
7/12	Peter Keogh	8/12	Mary Ebolo

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
16/11	Julia Walters	17/11	Mary Ebolo
23/11	Mary Burns	24/11	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ
30/11	Peter Keogh	1/12	Gabrielle Keenan
7/12	Martin O'Brien	8/12	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
17/11	Greg Strange
24/11	Herb Zimmer
1/12	Louise Luu
8/12	Aseye Banini

## COLLECTION WEEK – 9/10 NOVEMBER 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$404.30
Loose Collection - \$2893.65