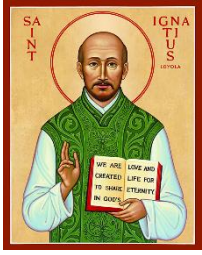


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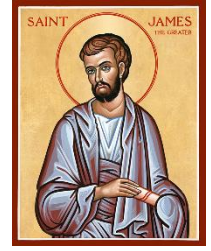


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)
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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

www.tcs.catholic.edu.au

Principal

Nigel Rodrigues

Tel: 03 9428 7180

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:



*St Ignatius Church – Thursday
19 December beginning at 7.00pm
Reconciliation will be offered in English
and Vietnamese*

CHRISTMAS CAROLS :



*St Ignatius Church – Sunday 22
December beginning at 6.30pm.
Christmas Carols will be sung in
English, Georgian, Vietnamese and
Polish.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES – 2024

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH - CHRISTMAS EVE:

6.00pm	Family Mass – English
7.30pm	Nativity Play – Vietnamese
8.00pm	Vietnamese Mass
10.00pm	Polish Mass
11.30pm	Christmas Carols – English
Midnight	Christmas Eve Mass - English

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	English Mass
10.45am	Vietnamese Mass
Midday	Polish Mass

ST JAMES CHURCH – CHRISTMAS

9.30am	English Mass
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ST IGNATIUS CHURCH – BOXING DAY - 26 DECEMBER

11.00am	Polish Mass
Midday	English Mass



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

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Baruch 5: 1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem – God will show you splendor.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and
distress,

put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your
head:

since God means to show your splendour to every
nation under heaven,

since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through
devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God
has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of
God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide
shade

for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his
glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

**Response: 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 1: 3-6. 8-11*

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the
Philippians.

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the
day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the
Good News from the day you first heard it right up
to the present. I am quite certain that the One who
began this good work in you will see that it is
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God
knows how much I miss you all, loving you as
Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love
for each other may increase more and more and
never stop improving your knowledge and
deepening your perception so that you can always
recognise what is best. This will help you to
become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the
Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the
glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3: 4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of
Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and

Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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 *Baruch 5: 5; 4:36*
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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



FEAST DAYS

DECEMBER 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the 18th century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruit of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Those receiving the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

✚ Finn Philip Gregory (08/12)

✚ Sibella Rae Mills (14/12)



THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

✚ Sophie Hogan (8 years old)

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.

UPDATE ON RELATIONSHIP WITH MELBOURNE INDIGENOUS TRANSITION SCHOOL (MITS)

On Thursday 28th November, five of the MITS year 8-9 students and a staff member, accepted an invitation to dinner in the presbytery with Fr Trung Nguyen SJ, Fr Albino Goncalves SJ, Fr Brian McCoy SJ (who was the Provincial who set this ball rolling) and Licia Marchese (parish manager), together with four parishioners. It proved to be a quite convivial evening. The students, who are usually quite shy and unassuming, took quite an active social part! The food, partly cooked by Fr Trung Nguyen SJ was very well received. The meal was followed by prayer and reflection time in church, plus an advent candle-lighting ceremony and final blessing by Fr McCoy SJ, partly in one of the Arnhem Land languages.



JESUIT MISSION - GIFTS FOR CHANGE

This initiative allows families to replace a traditional Christmas present with an impactful gift that will create lasting change for women, men, and children living in poverty, bringing them a brighter future. Each gift



purchased helps fund programs that build skills, capacity, and resilience within communities in need.

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

Your gift could:

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



Give a life-changing gift today at

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/christmas>



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
7/12	Peter Keogh	8/12	Mary Ebolo
14/12	Therese Keogh	15/12	Kaye Hogan
21/12	Haydn Walters	22/12	Licia Marchese
28/12	Volunteer	29/12	Volunteer

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
7/12	Martin O'Brien	8/12	Sr Helen Buckley fCJ
14/12	Marlon D'Souza	15/12	Ancita D'Cunha
21/12	Julia Walters	22/12	Leonardo Vong
28/12	Therese Keogh	29/12	Adelia Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
8/12	Aseye Banini
15/12	Shane Healy
22/12	Barbara Shea
29/12	Margaret Gibson



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.

Over the past six months the Society in Victoria has provided over \$5 million in material assistance to families and households in need. *During 2024 our Richmond Conference members have made visits to 185 needy households and provided food vouchers and Vinnies shop cards to the value of \$18,780 as well as furniture to 20 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 or call 13 18 12
- * Scan the QR code on the flyer
- * Collect an envelope from the back of the Church and post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office



COLLECTION WEEK - 30 NOV/1 DEC 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$ 381.00

Loose Collection - \$ 2072.25

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.