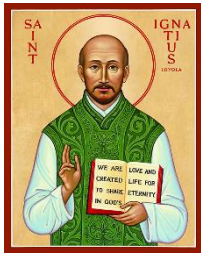


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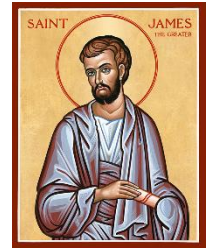


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the Month

ST JAMES CHURCH

162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND,
VIC 3121

Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish
office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Wedding

Contact Parish Office



SEASON OF CREATION

A reflection by Nick Brodie

One of the most important messages in today's Gospel is that right speech follows from clear hearing. When Jesus cures the man the signs of healing are that his ears open first, then his tongue starts working. As with everything Jesus said and did, this has wider implications for Christianity: a message needs to be heard before it can be proclaimed. Every preacher must be a listener first.

Jesus' vision of a listening Church is expressed many times in the Gospels and has endured throughout the centuries in diverse forms, from local synods to Ecumenical Councils. From long experience the Church learned that by listening to the signs of the times Christians could better proclaim Christ to each new generation.

In our own time, as Pope Francis puts it, the Church needs 'to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Environmental and human degradation are everywhere, crying out for remedy. In this Season of Creation we might ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we listen to the warnings of scientists about climatic change, to the stories of climate refugees, or do we block our ears in closed-minded self-interest and ignore Jesus' command, 'Ephphatha' – be open

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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 118: 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35: 4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145: 7-10*

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *James 2: 1-5*

A reading from the letter of St James.
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 7:31-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was

unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

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: 12*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

AUSTRALIAN JESUIT FOUNDATION TRUST

Father's Day Collection Thanks



Thank you to all those who donated to this appeal last weekend. The total amount raised by the Richmond Catholic Parish was \$1587.85.

Those who have requested a receipt will receive it from the Australian Jesuit Foundation Trust in due course.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in our Parish
who have asked to be remembered:

Rachael Kennedy and Theresa May

If anyone has family/friends/neighbours who are sick or have recently passed and would like their names inserted in the Parish Bulletin, please notify the parish office by Thursday 10.00am by ringing 8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au.

CHILDREN'S LITRUGY OF THE WORD

The Richmond Catholic Parish has introduced "Children's Liturgy of the Word" at St James during the 11.00am Mass. Children from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to participate. The first session is on Sunday, 8 September 2024.



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

Dates for future "Children's Liturgy of the Word":

- 13 October
- 20 October

The facilitator will be Mrs Annabelle Marinelli, *Deputy Principal at Trinity Catholic School*, with a number of parents from the school assisting her.

CLASS MASSES AT ST JAMES CHURCH:

The students of Trinity Catholic School will be involved in preparing a Sunday Mass during the school year.

The first class Mass will be taking place in St. James Church on **Sunday 15 September during the 11.00am Mass**. The Year 5/6 students will be preparing the liturgy and will be involved in the Readings, Prayers and Offertory Procession. The school will also provide the music for the Liturgy. Mr. Ru Lameijn, *Deputy Principal and Religious Education Leader at Trinity Catholic School*, will be working with the teachers and the students to prepare the Mass.

FEAST DAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 9 St Peter Claver, SJ, Priest
- 12 Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary
- 13 St John Chrysostom, Bishop
- 16 St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop
- 17 St Robert Ballarmine, Bishop and St Hildegard of Bingen,
- 19 St Januarius
- 20 St Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, St Paul Chông Ha-Sang, and companions, Martyrs
- 21 St Matthew, apostle and evangelist
- 23 St Pius (Padre Pio) of Pietrelcina
- 27 St Vincent de Paul, Priest

IGNATIUS MEN'S GROUP UPDATE

Ignatius Men's Group Update

The first official gathering of the men from the Richmond Catholic Parish will be held at the Presbytery on Wednesday night 11 September at 6:30pm. The men will gather for dinner, prayers, and faith/personal sharing.

If any man from the parish is interested in joining, please contact the parish office on 8420 6789 by Tuesday morning.

Fr Trung Nguyen SJ
Parish Priest

OUR LADYS BIRTHDAY – 8 SEPTEMBER



Our Lady's birthday is a day of celebration and reflection. It is a day to show gratitude, appreciation and love. It is also a day to reflect on the grace of innocent trust, which is a sharing in the newness of life which our Baptism promises.

Every human birth is a call for new hope in the world and Mary's births was a magnificent example of this.

WORKS IN OUR PARISH

1. Painting of interior of St. Ignatius Church:



Work continues on the interior painting of our church. The job is expected to take about two months to complete at a total cost (including machinery to access the Church's height, repairs and preparation for painting) of **\$189,499.00**.

"Programme Property Services" is working closely with the Parish to ensure minimal disruption to our liturgical celebrations.

2. Upgrade/Repair Stairs and Balconies:

We are awaiting reports and quotes to upgrade and/or repair the stairs and balconies of the North and South wings of the Ignatius Centre.

The Parish is investing its own cash reserves in the above projects. Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of these projects, please contact Fr. Trung Nguyen SJ, our Parish Priest. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you to those who have generously donated towards our Church restoration appeal. Amounts of \$2000, \$2000, \$500 and \$130 have been recently received.

COLLECTION WEEK – 31 AUGUST/1 SEPTEMBER 2024	
ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES	
Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$313.00	
Loose Collection - \$2531.40	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
07/09	Giovanna Scollo	08/09	Simon Feely
14/09	Marlon D'Souza	15/09	Licia Marchese
21/09	Peter Keogh	22/09	Mary Ebolo
28/09	Therese Keogh	29/09	Kaye Hogan

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28/09	Martin O'Brien	29/09	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
08/09	Herb Simmer
15/09	Louise Luu
22/09	Margaret Gibson
29/09	Greg Strange