

# LENTEN PROGRAMME 2025

ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH - RICHMOND

## *Four Portraits of Jesus:* *Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John:*

Beginning with Mark, each talk will bring out the evangelist's particular 'take' on Jesus: his identity— human and divine—and his role in bringing the world to the fullness of salvation. The talk will consider passages from each gospel that illustrate how its view of Jesus may assist our Lenten renewal today.

1. Tuesday, 11 March, 7.00 pm

*Gospel of Mark:*  
The 'Good News' becomes a Story.

Reclaiming human lives for  
the costly freedom of the Kingdom



2. Tuesday, 18 March, 7.00 pm

*Gospel of Matthew:*  
Jesus: Teacher and Healer

Forming disciples to be a 'blessing'  
for a wounded world



3. Tuesday, 25 March, 7.00 pm

*Gospel of Luke:*  
Hospitality  
human and divine.

Rendering the world a hospitable home for all



4. Tuesday, 1 April, 7.00 pm

*Gospel of John:*  
God's Life-giving Word.

Eternal life now and hereafter



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