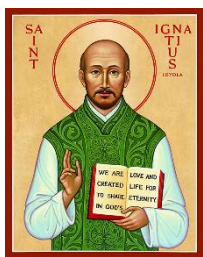


## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

### 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

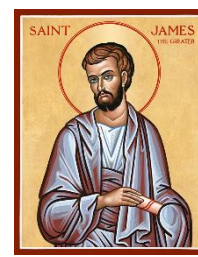


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

### 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

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

#### TRINITY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

57-61 Davison Street,  
NORTH RICHMOND  
VIC 3121

[www.tcs.catholic.edu.au](http://www.tcs.catholic.edu.au)

##### Principal

Nigel Rodrigues  
Tel: 03 9428 7180

### MAY, MONTH OF MARY

*The month of May is dedicated to the  
Blessed Virgin, Mary.*

*During this month Christians, offer up to  
Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and  
loving homage of prayer and veneration. The  
Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to  
the Blessed Virgin, Mary, arose at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Century. This practice became especially popular  
among the members of the Jesuit Order –by 1700 it  
took hold among their students in the Gesu Church in  
Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.*



### MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself-tiny  
needy and helpless-into the nurturing and watchful  
hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of  
mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time  
and every corner of the world recollects Mary's.*

*Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers  
and mother figures today. Bless these women, that  
they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and  
nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love  
shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them  
always with a spirit of profound love and respect.*

*We ask this in Your holy name. Amen*



#### 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 32:5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
Alleluia.

**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***Acts 13:14, 43-52*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them, Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

*"I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth".*

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus, the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So, they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3*

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

**SECOND READING***Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
I give my sheep eternal life.*



Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.’

### **This is 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

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

‘Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,’ Pope Francis once said.

Francis explained that these few lines in today’s Gospel passage ‘contain the whole of Jesus’ message ... he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.’ Indeed, he continued, ‘Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.’

Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope’s call for the Church to become more synodal. ‘Synodality’, Francis explains, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really ‘an expression of the Church’s nature, her form, style and mission.’ We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

As Francis put it at one point: ‘we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.’

We must rediscover, he declared, ‘that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.’ We must learn ‘to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.’ And a good place to start discerning God’s voice, he suggested, is ‘by listening to each other.’

## 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](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au)*



## RECENTLY DECEASED

- ✚ Sr Ellen McCarthy fcJ
- ✚ Teresa Dunne

## ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

- ✚ Josefina R Hernandez
- ✚ Norma H Tulio



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST  
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH**

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
10/05	Martin O'Brian	11/05	Mary Ebolo
17/05	Giovanna Scollo	18/05	Kaye Hogan
24/05	Marlon D'Souza	25/05	Simon Feely

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD  
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH**

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
10/05	Marlon D'Souza	11/05	Mary Ebolo
17/05	Henry Mai	18/05	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ
24/05	Mary Burns	25/05	Gabrielle Keenan

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD  
ST. JAMES CHURCH**

DATE	11.00AM MASS
11/05	Shane Healy
18/05	Barbara Shea
25/05	Margaret Gibson

**COLLECTION WEEK – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES**

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$418.00  
Loose Collection - \$2,305.80

**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH  
OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Richmond Catholic Parish is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to undertake administrative duties in the Parish Office. This is a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Administration Assistant will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support for the Parish Priest, Parish Manager, volunteers and visitors to the Parish Office.

The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of Liturgy and Sacraments would be highly advantageous.

This part time position is based at the Parish Office in Richmond. The role is required to work 28 hours per week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am-4.00pm. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest and Parish Manager. Terms and conditions governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

For full role description and application procedures contact Licia Marchese, Parish Manager on 8420 6789. Full details also available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website.

**RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**

**“We have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us”. (1J 14,16)** is a four week retreat in daily life, which is an adaptation of St Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises. The retreat will be an opportunity for you to slow down and **look into your heart together with Jesus**. You will learn basic spiritual exercises, practiced by Jesuits in almost five centuries, that will help you live more consciously, closer to yourself and closer to God. The retreat is **only** for those who are ready to:

- devote about **65 minutes** a day to various spiritual exercises
- participate in weekly meetings (Holy Mass, conference and introduction to prayer – about two hours)
- meet with an assigned spiritual director once a week or share in group

*There are few people who sense  
how great things God would do with  
their lives if they gave them to Him.  
(Ignatius Loyola)*

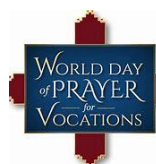
**TENTATIVE DATES:**

**From 26 May to 23 June.**

**Time to be Confirmed**

**Anyone who is interested in participating, please email or phone the Parish office, in order for us to gauge interest.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**



**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
VOCATIONS**

This weekend is the “World Day for Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis told us:

*“There be no greater joy than to risk one’s life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lords’ call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him”.*

Let us pray for the young in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord’s call to consecrated life or priesthood.

**DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
IN SUPPORT OF JESUIT MISSION**

Democracy Sausage Sizzle raised \$4000 for Jesuit Mission in supporting Jesuit Mission works, empowering vulnerable communities in Southeast Asia and Africa.