# 16 JUNE 2024, ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B



FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

**OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES** 

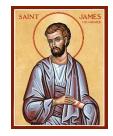
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

## ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

326 Church Street, RICHMOND VIC 3121

#### Mass Times 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

#### ST JAMES CHURCH

162 Kent Street, NORTH RICHMOND, VIC 3121

> Mass Times Sunday: 11.00am

# TRINITY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **Baptism**

Please contact Parish office.

# **Reconciliation**By appointment

Wedding Contact Parish Office



# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH REMEMBERS GRAEME HOOD



Graeme Hood who was a longstanding active member (over 20 years) of our faith community died on Monday 3 June at 9.15pm. He is survived by his children, Kristina, Amanda and Trevor and his grandchildren, Emma and Lucy, his sister Jennifer and her children,

Barnaby and Jacinta.

Graeme supported and served our Parish in many ways. He was the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, a member of the Finance and Property Committee. He also was a Minister of the Word and Minister of the Eucharist. According to Graeme's wishes, there was not to be a formal funeral. Instead, he asked to be remembered at one of the 9.30am Sunday Parish Masses with his family participating in the Mass.

After speaking with his family, the 9.30am Parish Mass on 30 June will be dedicated to Graeme Hood.

We ask that you keep Graeme's family in your prayers during this time of great loss.

# Stay Connected!

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

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

#### **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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel *I have made the small tree great.* 

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### (R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
- **2.** The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (**R.**)
- **3.** Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (**R.**)

## **SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight — we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!** 

**GOSPEL** *Mark* 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into
the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

#### 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**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

#### ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and join us, **every Friday** at St. Ignatius Church from **11:00am-12:00pm**, followed by the 12:00pm weekday Parish Mass.



#### ST IGNATIUS MEN'S SHED

It has come to my attention and at the suggestion of some men from our parish, to start a Men's Shed. I have never been part of one, but I believe it is time for me to gather men and do something meaningful together. Whether it just to have a cup of tea and/or sharing about their lives or spending a moment in prayer together. For those more practical, this could mean doing some carpentry, or fixing electrical equipment. Anything is possible. If you are interested, please talk to me directly, or call the parish office and leave your name and number. I hope to get this initiative started soon, but would first have a gathering of the men in the parish to hear from you as to what you would like to see happen as part of the Men's Shed. I will set a date and time in a few weeks to meet you.

- Fr Trung Nguyen SJ, PP.

#### VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Richmond Catholic Parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Each year the Winter Appeal plays a vital role in



enabling the good works of the Society. With your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

The Society's Richmond Conference was established in our parish in 1900 and has been serving those in need since then. During the last 12 months, our Conference members have made 210 visits to needy households and provided over

\$19,000 in food vouchers and Vinnies' shop cards as well as providing furniture to 13 households.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate to help provide people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness and those struggling with cost of living pressures with immediate practical assistance and long-term support.

Please do so by donating to our Richmond Conference in any of the following ways:

- Online at vinnies.org.au
- By calling 13 18 12
- Collect an envelope in the Church and either post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.

#### **JUNE 16-22 REFUGEE WEEK**

By Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

When we think of refugees it is easy to be overwhelmed by numbers and bad news. 9 million people, more than a third of Australia's population, have been driven from home in Sudan, a whole nation has been displaced in Gaza, people have fled violence, starvation and poverty throughout the world, and governments in wealthy nations have increasingly treated refugees as less than human. Bad news comes in floods that can leave us despairing or apathetic.

The 2024 theme of Refugee Week invites us to reflect on family and finding freedom. It draws our minds and hearts away from the tyranny of numbers to the lives of the women, men and children whom we call refugees. It invites us to see them from inside. We may then listen to the stories of their flight from the places and communities they called home. We may be awed by the passion for life and freedom that led them to seek life elsewhere, may celebrate the resilience that they have shown as they walked such a hard road, and may wonder at their devotion to family in the face of all the crises that test it.

We may also celebrate the kindness of strangers whom they met along the way: the people who offered them shelter and food, who welcomed them, helped them to settle in a strange new country, and reached out to them in friendship on their long journey. These are the gifts that we would like our families to receive in hard times. They are also the qualities that we would like to think are characteristic of our own nation. Refugee Week invites us to celebrate them in those who treat others, not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the world family.

When we enter the life of refugees from within and see their extraordinary stories of suffering, resilience, love of family and the importance of small gestures of kindness in their lives, we have a lens through which to judge the rejection of them by wealthy nations like our own. Dumping them in poor nations like Nauru, PNG and Rwanda, threatening to deport them or seize them out of our community and lock them in internment camps, arranging to deport their family members if they do not agree to leave our nation voluntarily, belong to a horror show of human meanness.

This refugee week, however, is not a time to curse the darkness. There is enough of that in our world. Refugee week is a time to turn our eyes to the myriad lights that shine in refugees' eyes, to the candles of their generosity of spirit in the face of so much rejection, and to the pools of light surrounding their families. It also calls us from cursing the darkness to light our own candles lit as we reach out to people who seek our protection and as we plead their cause.

#### **JUNE 13: ANTHONY OF PADUA, 1195-1231**

By Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

St Anthony of Padua was born in Lisbon, Portugal at the end of the twelfth century. His family was wealthy, and Anthony was well educated and devout. He joined the Augustinian Order at the age of 15, moved to Coimbra to avoid the demands made on him by family and friends, and was ordained a priest at the age of 19. He was deeply moved by the death of five members of the recently founded Franciscan Order in Morocco and received permission to join the Friars in their Hermitage outside Coimbra. There he took the name of Anthony, honouring the hermit Saint from Egypt, and was sent to Morocco. This region then supported both Christian and Muslim culture under alternating political control. He fell ill, returned on a boat that was blown off course to Sicily, and eventually was sent by the Franciscans to Forli in Northern Italy in order to recover his health.

After showing gifts as a preacher he was then sent to Bologna, the regional headquarters of the Franciscans. There he came to the notice of St Francis of Assisi, who was wary of theology that could distract from simplicity and ministry to the poor, but found in Anthony a kindred spirit. He made him responsible for Franciscans' studies. Anthony himself taught in many universities.

When in 1226 Francis made him Superior of the Franciscans in Northern Italy, Francis moved to Padua where he lived in the Franciscan community. He gained a great reputation as a preacher. His surviving sermon notes show his fascination with the symbols in Scriptural passages and their links with other passages. His preaching evoked warmth and wonder.

The many stories that circulated about him depict him as a genial man who did not fight with or humiliate others. He rather brought them together and won them to God, as had his namesake Anthony of Egypt. Like Francis of Assisi who reached to birds, he was said to have preached to fish who gathered to hear him. He also earned his later reputation for finding people and things that were lost. A Franciscan friar about to leave the Order stole Anthony's very expensive and annotated book of Psalms. Anthony prayed; the thief repented and returned both the Psalter and himself to the Friary.

Anthony died from food poisoning at the age of 36. He was held in such high respect that he was made a saint in the following year.

In later centuries, the Franciscans spread through many missionary regions in the Americas and in Asia. As a result, many Churches and towns were named after him, including San Antonio in Texas. With such fame and devotion, it is no wonder that he is now patron saint of almost everything and everywhere.

# PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

# Please keep in your prayers:

#### **Rachael Kennedy**

Richmond Catholic Faith Community would like to keep people who are ill in their prayers. If anyone has family/friends/neighbours who are sick and require 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. Their names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

**Graeme Hood** died on Monday 3 June.

**Donald Campbell** died on Saturday 8 June. He was a naval veteran of the Korean War and would visit St. Ignatius Church frequently to light candles to remember his deceased crew members.

#### **FEAST DAYS**

#### JUNE: FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES

- 19 Saint Romuald, abbot
- 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
- 22 Saint John Fisher, bishop, and Saint Thomas More, martyrs
- 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church
- 28 Saint Irenaeus, bishop, martyr and doctor of the Church
- 29 Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles

MINISTERS OF THE WORD					
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH					
Saturday 15/06 5.00pm	Peter Keogh	Sunday 16/06 9.30am	Kaye Hogan		
Saturday 22/06 5:00pm	Martin O'Brien	Sunday 23/06 9:30am	Sr. Barbara Brown- Graham fcJ		
ST JAMES CHURCH					
Sunday 16/06 11:00am	Greg Strange*	Sunday 23/06 11:00am	Herb Zimmer*		

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: Some new changes for St James' readers from June - September

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH				
DATE	5.00PM	DATE	9.30AM	
	VIGIL MASS		SUNDAY MASS	
15/06	Julia Walters	16/06	Licia Marchese	
22/06	Giovanna Scollo	23/06	Simon Feely	
29/06	Haydn Walters	30/06	Mary Ebolo	
06/07	Peter Keogh	07/07	Kaye Hogan	

COLLECTION WEEK – 8/9 JUNE 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES			
Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$299.30		
Loose Collection	\$2222.95		