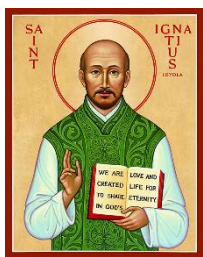


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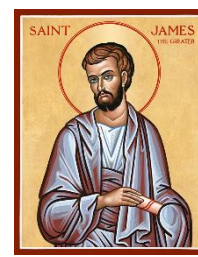


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)
Administrative assistants: Miss Julia Cappozzo and Mrs. Helen Gagliano

Operation hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm
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Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/richmond>



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

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE
8.00pm THURSDAY 10 APRIL



**HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL
CELEBRATIONS**
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH:

HOLY THURSDAY – 17 April

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – English
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Vietnamese

GOOD FRIDAY – 18 April
10.30am ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS
*Gather near the Club Rooms at Citizen Park, Highett Street
Richmond*

Passion of the Lord

3.00pm – English
5.00pm – Vietnamese

EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY 19 APRIL

7.00pm – English
9.00pm – Vietnamese

EASTER SUNDAY – 20 APRIL

Masses as usual

EASTER MONDAY – 21 APRIL

11.00am - Polish
Midday – English

ST JAMES CHURCH:

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL
9.30am Mass - English

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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes home – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Simon Feely
05/04	Marlon D'Souza	06/04	Raquel Gonzales
12/04	Peter Keogh	13/04	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Simon Feely
05/04	Giovanna Scollo	06/04	Adelia Vong
12/04	Therese Keogh	13/04	Constantino Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
30/03	Natasha
06/04	Margaret Gibson
13/04	Herb Zimmer

COLLECTION WEEK – 22nd/23rd MAR 2025 ST. IGNATIUS AND ST. JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$324.65
Loose Collection - \$2504.05

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*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

✚ Paloma Schaeche (30 Mar)

Archdiocesan Places of Pilgrimage



The following parishes and shrines have
been chosen as Pilgrim Places, sacred
sites that the Catholic faithful in our
Archdiocese can visit during the 2025
Jubilee Year to pray and receive the
special Jubilee Indulgence.

- St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne
- St Mary Mackillop, Keilor Downs
- St Luke, Lalor
- St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham
- Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon
- St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- St Francis Xavier, Mansfield
- Sacred Heart, Croydon
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough
- St Patrick's, Mentone
- St Macartan's, Mornington.

Visitors, may collect a Jubilee Passport from one of the
sites, which is stamped upon visiting each of the sites.

LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

Week 4 Tuesday 1 April - 7.00pm
Gospel of John

REMINDER TO LINGER FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND.



All parishioners are warmly invited to
stay for a "cuppa" and to share some
time getting to know each other.

✚ **Sat. 29 March** after 5pm Vigil Mass - in the
Presbytery Kitchen.

✚ **Sun. 30 March** after 9.30am Mass - on the
veranda outside the Presbytery.

The Jubilee Prayer 2025



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace
transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscans



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

LAETARE SUNDAY

In the midst of Lent, we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday.

Laetare Sunday is also known as mid-Lent Sunday. The term “Laetare” means “Rejoice” in Latin. The Church allows us to take a break on this day, to pause and refresh ourselves, to encourage us in our course through the season of penance for the final weeks of Lent and the Passion of the Lord. The liturgical colour changes from purple to pink on this day.

This week, all of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who

allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.



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COMPASSION

Irene lives in a remote village in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Life hasn't been easy for Irene. After losing her father in a war, Irene and her family were forced to flee their home. Life became even more challenging when her husband left, leaving Irene to raise her 2 children alone. Without finishing her education and with few job opportunities in her village, she struggled to provide even the basics for her family.

Things began to change when Irene joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program (YCSP), run by Caritas Kongolo with the support of Caritas Australia. Through the program, Irene learned sewing skills and was provided with a sewing machine and fabric. Irene also gained farming skills. Now, she grows enough food to feed her family and even shares her sewing knowledge by mentoring other women in her community.

“Before, women depended on men's income, but now, with our sewing skills, we can take care of ourselves,” Irene said.

Your support of Project Compassion helps women like Irene to create brighter futures for themselves and their families.



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You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*