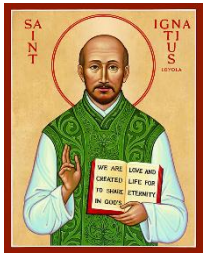


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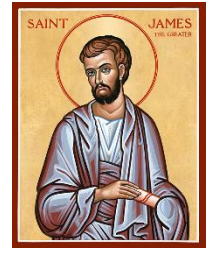


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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



The readings for this Sunday tell us of the nourishment that comes from heaven and of our need to draw everlasting life from our relationship with Jesus – as well as pursuing wise and Spirit-filled paths in life. The First Reading makes explicit the value of Wisdom, depicted as a woman seeking and inviting everyone to come and be nourished at her table of learning.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

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.

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.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9*

Response: 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)

4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All you eat my flesh and drink my blood
Live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6: 51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.
Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.'

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'

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 6: 51-52*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

FEAST DAYS

AUGUST

19 St John Eudes, priest
20 St Bernard, abbot
21 St Pius X, Pope (*see back page*)
23 St Rose of Lima
24 St Bartholomew, apostle
27 St Monica
28 St Augustine, bishop

(Source: Servants Chronicles)

EXCITING NEWS: WORKS TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH

1. Painting of interior of St. Ignatius Church:

“Programme Property Services” has begun the interior painting of our church. These works are expected to take about two months to complete. The total cost, including machinery to access the Church’s height, repairs and preparation for painting is **\$189,499.00.**



The company is working with the Parish to ensure minimal disruption to the Parish’s liturgical celebrations.

2. Upgrade of Security System:

This work has now been completed.

3. Upgrade/Repair Stairs and Balconies:

At present, 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. If anyone is able to contribute to the cost of these projects, please contact Fr. Trung Nguyen SJ, our Parish Priest. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS

Thank you to those who have generously donated towards our church restoration appeal.

Further to last week’s generous donations, amounts of \$500, \$300 and \$100 have been received.

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.

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is moving to one major collection for the purposes of the Archdiocese, the annual Archbishop's Campaign. Tax deductible gifts will go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports:

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Mission

Non-deductible donations will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Funds to support:

- The Archbishop's evangelization initiatives, such as Australian Youth Festival and World Youth Day
- Seminarian education

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign continues this week. We are asked to consider a pledge to support the above ministries of the Archdiocese, which are also outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging to help the Archdiocese to continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

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 full-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 position is based at the Parish Office in Richmond. The role is required to work 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday 9.00am-4.00pm. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest and Parish Manager. Terms and conditions governed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

For full role description access Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) website (Job Vacancies) or contact Licia Marchese, Parish Manager on 8420 6789.

COLLECTION WEEK – 10/11 AUGUST 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES	
Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$290.25
Loose Collection	\$2015.35

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
17/08	Marlon D'Souza	18/08	Licia Marchese
24/08	Peter Keogh	25/08	Mary Ebolo
31/08	Therese Keogh	01/09	Kaye Hogan
07/09	Giovanna Scollo	08/09	Simon Feely 07/09

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

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17/08	Julia Walters	18/08	Simon Feely
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31/08	Mary Burns	01/09	Sr Barbara Brown-Graham fcJ
07/09	Peter Keogh	08/09	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
18/08	Aseye Banini
25/08	Shane Healy
01/09	Greg Strange
08/09	Herb Simmer

*Please note: Some reader changes for June - September

FEAST OF ST PIUS X – 21 AUGUST



Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.