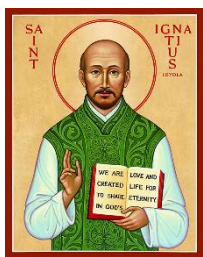


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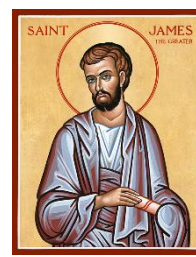


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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
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

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



Feast Day (March 19) of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

The husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, Joseph was a descendant of the house of King David, and is often referred to as the “the father in the shadows”. In fact, none of Joseph’s words are written in the Gospels and little is recorded about his life. After Jesus’ birth the Holy Family settled in Nazareth, where Joseph taught his craft of carpentry to Jesus. Joseph is last mentioned in the Gospels, when he and Mary frantically searched for the lost Jesus in Jerusalem, where they found him in the Temple.

PATRON SAINT OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS



The first apostolic mission entrusted by the Pope Paul III to the Society of Jesus was given on the Feast of St Joseph March 19, 1539. On this auspicious feast day, the mission of the Jesuits began and continues to this day around the world.

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

Led by Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

Title: “Four Portraits of Jesus” – Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John

Week 2: Tuesday 18 March 7.00pm – Gospel of Matthew

Week 3: Tuesday 25 March 7.00pm – Gospel of Luke

Week 4: Tuesday 1 April 7.00pm – Gospel of John

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING *Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14*

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
15/03	Therese Keogh	16/03	Kaye Hogan
22/03	Haydn Walters	23/03	Mary Ebolo
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
15/03	Peter Keogh	16/03	Ancita D'Cunha
22/03	Marlon D'Souza	23/03	Leonardo Vong
29/03	Volunteer	30/03	Adelia Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
16/03	Aseye Banini
23/03	Shane Healy
30/03	Natasha

COLLECTION WEEK – 8th/9th MAR 2025 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$322.75

Loose Collection - \$1957.30

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

- ✚ Ella Margaret Van Essen (16th Mar)
- ✚ Charlotte Susan Van Essen (16th Mar)

FEAST DAYS IN MARCH

- 17 St. Patrick
- 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Feast day (March 17) of St.
Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.
Born in Roman Britain in the late
4th century, he was kidnapped at
the age of 16 and taken

to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about
432 ce to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the
time of his death on March 17, 461, he had
established monasteries, churches, and schools.
Many legends grew up around him—for example,
that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used
the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to
celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- ✚ Thursday 20 March at 7.30pm
- ✚ Thursday 27 March at 7.30pm

Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga.

This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?



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Please donate today.

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.



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie 2ND Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis draws our attention to Peter, James and John. Understandably weary, they were struggling against sleep and almost missed the Transfiguration entirely!

'The drowsiness of the three disciples appears to be a discordant note', the Pope muses. These three disciples later fall asleep at Gethsemane! 'This sleepiness in such important moments is surprising', the Pope remarks.

In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. 'It is a period', the Pope suggests, 'in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.'

In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. 'We might think', the Pope says, 'that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them.'

'Like them, we too are in need of God's light,' the Pope affirms. That light, he adds, 'makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.'

We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

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

Francis