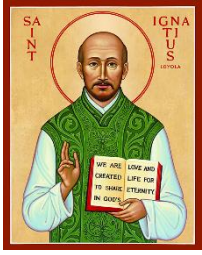


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

1 December 2024

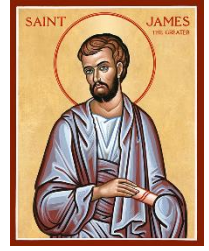


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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

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

ADVENT

Advent is a time of promise, of hope and of waiting. The word advent comes from the old Latin word *adventus*, referring to an “arrival, an “approach” or “a coming”.



Dilexit Nos

On 24 October 2024, Pope Francis released his latest encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, a document focused on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the transformative power of God’s love. In it, he reminds us that:

Jesus came to meet us, bridging all distances; he became as close to us as the simplest, everyday realities of our lives. Indeed, he has another name, ‘Emmanuel’, which means ‘God with us’, God as part of our lives, God as living in our midst. The Son of God became incarnate and ‘emptied himself, taking the form of a slave’ (Phil 2: 7) (Francis 2024, n. 34).

As we prepare to mark Christ’s birth during Advent, we are challenged to find ways to become more aware of God’s presence and love, which completely surround us.

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A REMINDER TO STAY AND JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 30 November, after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass
(in the Presbytery Kitchen)

Sunday 1 December, after the 9.30am Mass
(on the Presbytery veranda)

All welcome



Stay Connected!

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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 24: 4-5. 8-9. 10.14*

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2*

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Psalm 84: 8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay

awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

Psalm 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

FEAST DAYS

DECEMBER

- 3 St Francis Xavier
- 6 St Nicholas
- 7 St Ambrose
- 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 10 Our Lady of Loreto
- 13 St Lucy
- 14 St John of the Cross
- 21 St Peter Canisius

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word at St James is during the **11.00am Sunday Mass on December 1st and then on December 8th.**



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman SJ from Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) sends his thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to the appeal last weekend. Your generosity will make a positive impact to the work of JRS. To date an amount of \$3400 has been raised from our Parish Community. This is a fabulous effort and will go a long way to help meet the needs of refugees in Australia.



IGNATIUS MEN'S GROUP UPDATE



The group meets are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**The next meeting will be held on
Monday, 9 December.
New members welcome.**

Enquiries to parish@ignatius.org.au

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

SEVENHILL CELLARS' OFFER

Sevenhill Cellars are offering an incredible discount of their premium table wines.

They are offering Parish communities their award-winning Inigo Range of Wines at a discount of \$100 per half dozen bottles of the following red wines.

- Inigo Riesling
- Inigo Barbera
- Inigo Malbec
- Inigo Shiraz
- Inigo Cabernet Sauvignon



***NB: No mixed orders**

If any parishioner is interested in purchasing a half dozen or more of the above wines, please send your order to:

Licia Marchese – Parish Manager
propertymanagement@ignatius.org.au

We will place a bulk order to Sevenhill Cellars and contact you when your order has arrived and method of payment.

FINAL DATE FOR WINE ORDERS

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024

NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE.

***NB: No mixed orders**

We will soon be preparing our new rosters for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word. If you are interested in joining our team of people in these two ministries, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
30/11	Marlon S'Souza	1/12	Licia Marchese
7/12	Peter Keogh	8/12	Mary Ebolo
14/12	Therese Keogh	15/12	Kaye Hogan
21/12	Haydn Walters	22/12	Licia Marchese

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
30/11	Peter Keogh	1/12	Gabrielle Keenan
7/12	Martin O'Brien	8/12	Sr Helen Buckley fcJ
14/12	Marlon D'Souza	15/12	Ancita D'Cunha
21/12	Julia Walters	22/12	Leonardo Vong

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
1/12	Louise Luu
8/12	Aseye Banini
15/12	Shane Healy
22/12	Barbara Shea

COLLECTION WEEK – 23/24 NOVEMBER 2024 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$259.00
Loose Collection - \$1658.15

Cont. from page 1 ... **ADVENT - THE WREATH**

The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God. The four candles, which represent the four weeks of Advent, also have their own significance.

The weeks of Advent will be marked by lighted candles placed in a wreath, one each week, until all are lit and the joy of Christmas is here.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **HOPE**, at the coming of the Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, symbolizes **FAITH**, also known as the “Bethlehem Candle”, is a reminder of Joseph and Mary’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle, which is **PINK**, reminds us that Jesus is near. The third week of Advent is also called “Gaudete Sunday” symbolising the nearness of Christ’s coming.

The fourth candle, which is **PURPLE**, is called the “**ANGEL’S CANDLE**” and is lit in the final week of Advent, symbolising **PEACE**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will to All”.

The white candle in the middle of the wreath is lit on Christmas Eve.

So let us enter Advent in hope. Let us see visions of love, peace and justice, affirming with humility, with joy, with faith with courage: Jesus Christ - the life of the world. (Boesak, cited in Berrigan 2004)