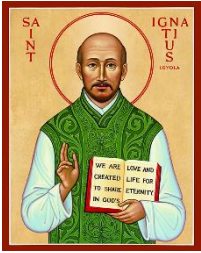


SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

23rd February 2025

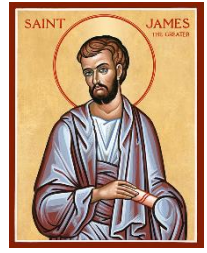


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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

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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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own wellbeing. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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.

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Nigel Rodrigues

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REMINDER TO LINGER FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND

✚ Saturday 22 February after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass – in the Presbytery Kitchen

✚ Sunday 23 February after the 9.30am Mass on the veranda outside the Presbytery



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

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

1 Samuel 26:2

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men
chosen from Israel to search for David in the
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way
towards the force, where they found Saul asleep
inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground
beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying
round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put
your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him
to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke!
I will not need to strike him twice. David
answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can
lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be
without guilt?' David took the spear and the
pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they
made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke
up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the
Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the
top of the mountain a long way off; there was a
wide space between them. David then called out,
'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers
come across and take it. The Lord repays
everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today
the Lord put you in my power, but I would not
raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **R.**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a
living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-
giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul,
not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit.
The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by
nature; the second man is from heaven. As this
earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the
heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we,
who have been modelled on the earthly man, will
be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who
are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for
those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps

you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

‘Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.’

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

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

✚ George Matthew Millsom (22 Feb)

✚ Alicia Rose Pinneri (23 Feb)

*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*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Richmond Catholic Parish will continue with “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” at St James during the 11.00am Mass. Children from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to participate.



The children leave the main body of the Church just after the beginning of Mass and rejoin the congregation at the Offertory Procession. They meet in the library to hear the Word of God and participate in discussion and do appropriate activities with a Mrs. Annabelle Marinelli and parent volunteers.

Dates for future “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”:

- 23 February
- 2 March
- 9 March
- 16 March
- 23 March
- 30 March

We look forward to many children participating in the “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”.

**February 20: The World Day of Social Justice:
FR. ANDY HAMILTON SJ**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/02	Peter Keogh	23/02	Kaye Hogan
1/03	Haydn Walters	2/03	Raquel Gonzales
8/03	Giovanna Scollo	9/03	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/02	Martin O’Brien	23/02	Sr. Tina Lubong FDZ
1/03	Julia Walters	2/03	Gabrielle Keenan
8/03	Therese Keogh	9/03	Sr. Helen Buckley FCJ

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
23/02	Pat Kelly
02/03	Shane Healy
09/03	Louise Luu

COLLECTION WEEK – 15th/16th FEB 2025 ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES	
Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$258	
Loose Collection - \$2113.35	

**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
RELATIONSHIP WITH MELBOURNE
INDIGENOUS TRANSITION SCHOOL - MITS**



The first meeting of the Parish's ongoing relationship with MITS took place on Thursday 13

February. A small group of parishioners met with some Catholic students from the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS). They are close neighbours to St Ignatius and these year 8 and 9 students were very enthusiastic to get to know the Church. We plan to meet regularly for readings, reflections, prayer and meditation, for about 45 minutes once a month and also invited them to come join for Sunday Mass when possible. Please continue to pray for them and help us to welcome them fully into our St Ignatius Church community. Contact Licia or Haydn if you would like to be involved; you would be very welcome."

The cry for justice comes naturally to all human beings. Children protest that 'it isn't fair'. Adults ask their torturers, 'Why do you hurt me?' Justice has to do with relationships. In families, justice has to do with personal relationships between parents and children and between siblings. Justice, however, has also to do with the human relationships between groups of people, institutions, nations and our environment. These relationships have to do with social justice.

In our current world issues involving questions of social justice are often acute. Think of the railway strikes for just wages, the protests against discrimination on grounds of race and gender, the conduct of war in Gaza and Myanmar, the claims of the United States and Russia to territory outside their boundaries, and responsibility of Governments to curb the mining and sale of oil and coal in order to curb global warming.

Pope Francis has taken up positions on many of these social justice issues. In doing so he has drawn on and contributed to a long history of Catholic thought on similar issues. Although linked to Christian faith in God's action for us in Jesus, this teaching is of wider relevance because it centres on human life, what it means for us to flourish and what shape our involved relationships should take.

The central insight of Catholic social thought is that each human being has a unique dignity and value, whatever their race, religion, colour, gender and virtue or lack of it. In all relations we ourselves are entitled to respect and owe it to others. In business we may not treat employees simply as a cost; nor in war may we treat civilians and prisoners as things. They are persons like us and must be treated with respect for their humanity.

The second insight of Catholic social thought is that human beings do not flourish as individuals but through relationships to others.

Respect for persons and our shared humanity and flourishing also shapes the relationships between social groups and those between nations. Where there is conflict, for example between employers and employees over wages and conditions and between nations, these must be resolved by mutual respect, diplomacy and by appeal to national and international arbitration. The temptation to resolve them by the unilateral use of superior power must be resisted by national and international bodies and public opinion. Our society puts a high value on human flourishing but often sees it as an individual.