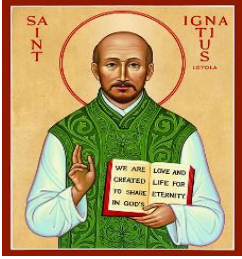


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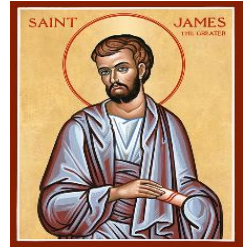


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

Parish Priest: Fr. Trung Hoang Nguyen, SJ
Parish Manager: Ms. Licia Marchese (Mon-Fri)
Administrative Assistant: Miss Julia Cappozzo

Operation hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm
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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
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Principal
Nigel Rodrigues
Tel: 03 9428 7180



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR TRUNG NGUYEN SJ

This Sunday 1 February is a very special day in Fr Trung Nguyen's SJ life.

He celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Joining the Society of Jesus.

We ask that you keep Fr Trung Nguyen SJ in your prayers and support him as he continues his mission as a member of the Society of Jesus and our Parish Priest.

Please stay for a cuppa on Saturday or Sunday and after Mass and celebrate this special day with Fr Trung Nguyen SJ.

Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

*Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for reward,
except to know that I am doing your will.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY AND JOIN US AFTER MASS
FOR**

OUR FIRST
"CUPPA AFTER MASS" FOR 2026

- ✚ Saturday 31 January after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass - in the Presbytery Kitchen
- ✚ Sunday 1 February after the 9.30am Mass - on the Presbytery Veranda



All are welcome

**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*Psalm 105:47*

Save us, O Lord our God!
 And gather us from the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name,
 and make it our glory to praise you.

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, 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*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Seek the Lord
 all you, the humble of the earth,
 who obey his commands.
 Seek integrity,
 seek humility:
 you may perhaps find shelter
 on the day of the anger of the Lord.
 In your midst I will leave
 a humble and lowly people,
 and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
 the name of the Lord.
 They will do no wrong,
 will tell no lies;
 and the perjured tongue will no longer
 be found in their mouths.
 But they will be able to graze and rest
 with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3*

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING*1 Corinthians 1:26-31**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Matthew 5:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad;
 Your reward will be great in heaven.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

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

Psalms 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

✚ Theodore Flynn Ryan Dimech (31/01)

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.*



✚ Kate Franklyn
✚ Sophie Hogan
✚ Cormac Keenan

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.

FEBRUARY FEAST DAYS

✚ 2 The Presentation of the Lord
✚ 3 St. Ansgar and St. Blaise
✚ 10 St. Scholastica
✚ 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

COLLECTION WEEK – 24th and 25th January ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH

Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$201.00

Loose Collection – \$1979.05

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/01	Volunteer	25/01	Mary Ebolo
31/01	Peter Keogh	01/02	Simon Feely
07/02	Giovanna Scollo	08/02	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
24/01	Ancita D'Cunha	25/01	Josepha Nadu
31/01	Therese Keogh	01/02	Kaye Hogan
07/02	Marlon D'Souza	08/02	Gabrielle Keenan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
25/01	Barbara Shea
01/02	Margaret Gibson
08/02	Louisa Luu



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF GRACE PRAESIDIUM

The Richmond Catholic Parish Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Grace Praesidium invites parishioners to participate in the Legion's weekly meetings.

The meetings are held every Monday beginning at 10.30am in the Loyola Room, which is located in the Parish Hall.

For further enquiries, please contact Lucia Crivera on 9428 7481.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S PRAYER - CANTICLE OF CREATION

*Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the
honor, and all blessing.*

*To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day;
and you give light through him.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance
to Your creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.*

*Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.*

*Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy
will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.*

Amen.

The "Canticle of Creation" serves as a reminder of the beauty and sanctity of the natural world, encouraging us to live in harmony with all of God's creations. It is often recited during environmental events and is a central part of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by late, Pope Francis.

This prayer not only reflects St. Francis's love for nature but also calls us to be stewards of the earth, recognizing our role in protecting and preserving the environment for future generations.