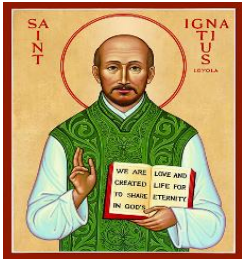


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A
1 MARCH 2026



FEAST DAY – 31 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
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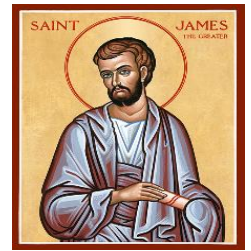
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OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**LENTEN REFLECTION WITH
FR FRANK O'LOUGHLIN**

The first Lenten reflection with Fr Frank O'Loughlin, which was scheduled for Thursday 26 February was cancelled due to Fr O'Loughlin becoming ill. We envisage that the next session on Thursday 12 March will proceed.

We are hopeful that Fr O'Loughlin can present another reflection later in March. In the meantime, we ask that you keep Fr O'Loughlin in your prayers.

We will keep you updated
about future reflections.



CUPPA AFTER MASS

You are Invited!

All parishioners are invited to stay for a "cuppa" and to share some time getting to know each other.

**Sunday 1 March after the 9.30am Mass
– on the veranda outside the
Presbytery.**

**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 26:8-9*

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 12:1-4**A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING*2 Timothy 1:8-10**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL*Matthew 17:1-9**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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 *Matthew 17:5*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

BAPTISMS

- ✚ Silver Palermo (28/02)
- ✚ Thomas Buckley (01/03)

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

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.

COLLECTION WEEK – 28 February & 1 March ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$498.00	
Loose Collection – \$2490.25	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
28/02	Peter Keogh	01/03	Simon Feely
07/03	Martin O'Brian	08/03	Kaye Hogan
14/03	Giovanna Scollo	15/03	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
28/02	Therese Keogh	01/03	Anonda Le Messurier
07/03	Giovanna Scollo	08/03	Aaron McDonnell
14/03	Marlon D'Souza	15/03	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
01/03	Natasha Karunarathe
08/03	Herb Zimmer
15/03	Barbara Shea

2026/2027 THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving Envelopes beginning 1 March 2026 to 21 February 2027 are now available from the back of St Ignatius Church and St James Church.

If there are any current or new parishioners who would like to contribute to the Parish's Thanksgiving Program via weekly envelopes or Direct Debit, please contact Licia Marchese at the Parish office further details.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.



PROJECT COMPASSION SECOND WEEK OF LENT SISILIA'S STORY TANZANIA

Sisilia, a 13-year-old from remote northern Tanzania, faced immense challenges including poverty, unsafe water and poor sanitation.

After her father passed away, she supported her mother by fetching water three times a day, often through unsafe and exhausting conditions that left little time for study.

“When I miss school, I feel bad. The time I use fetching water affects my studies since I'd fetch water instead of going to school.” (Sisilia)

With support from the A+ Successor Project, clean water taps have been installed at her school and her village, easing her burden and improving health across the community.

Through the School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) Club, Sisilia has become a leader, teaching her peers and parents about hygiene and sanitation.

With the time saved from collecting water, Sisilia hopes to fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026
"LISTENING AND
FASTING"
POPE LEO XIV

Listening and Fasting
Lent as a Time of Conversion

Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent 2026

LISTENING



Lent is a time that invites us to make room for the Word:

- So that it truly becomes a process of listening
- So that God teaches us how to listen as He does
- So that we may recognise the cry of the poor and the suffering

"The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone"



FASTING



By involving our bodies, fasting supports our discernment:

- It keeps our hunger and thirst for justice alive
- It governs our desires towards God and towards goodness
- It disarms our language and helps us refrain from words that hurt others

"Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness."



TOGETHER



Lent calls us to walk as a community:

- On a "shared journey" with our parishes, families and ecclesial groups
- Where space is created for the voice of others
- So that our conversion may lead to better relationships and more authentic dialogue

"Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation."



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DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
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GENAZZANO FCJ COLLEGE - GEN GIRL FOR A DAY

Genazzano FCJ College invites girls in grades 4-6 to visit their campus and experience what it is like to be a Gen Girl for a day.

Date: Thursday, 5 March 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Location: Genazzano FCJ College - 301 Cotham Rd, Kew VIC 3101

What: Girls will be able to undertake a mix of music, art, science and PE, among others, led by our specialist educators.

Register at <https://enrol.genazzano.vic.edu.au/gen-girl-for-a-day>