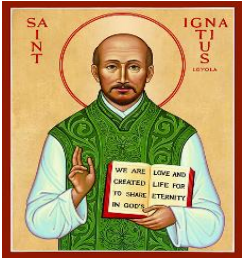


## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

### 12 APRIL 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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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Nigel Rodrigues  
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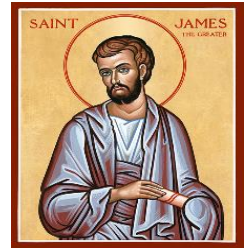
## RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

*The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.*

*Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So, it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.*

*Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.*

### 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

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## 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

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end.’  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
‘His love has no end.’  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**This is 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

*Cf John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### 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.*

-  Kate Franklyn
-  Sophie Hogan
-  George Buschmann

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](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au).

| COLLECTION WEEK – 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> April |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH                     |  |
| Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$475                            |  |
| Loose Collection – \$5039.50 (Easter Collection)          |  |

| MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST |                      |       |                       |
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| ST IGNATIUS CHURCH         |                      |       |                       |
| DATE                       | 5.00PM<br>VIGIL MASS | DATE  | 9.30AM<br>SUNDAY MASS |
| 11/04                      | Martin O'Brian       | 12/04 | Simon Feely           |
| 18/04                      | Haydn Walters        | 19/04 | Kaye Hogan            |
| 25/04                      | Peter Keogh          | 26/04 | Mary Ebolo            |

| MINISTERS OF THE WORD |                      |       |                             |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| ST IGNATIUS CHURCH    |                      |       |                             |
| DATE                  | 5.00PM<br>VIGIL MASS | DATE  | 9.30AM<br>SUNDAY MASS       |
| 11/04                 | Mary Burns           | 12/04 | Sr Helen Buckley Fcj        |
| 18/04                 | Giovanna Scollo      | 19/04 | Constantino Gonzales        |
| 25/04                 | Therese Keogh        | 26/04 | Sr Barbara Brown-Graham Fcj |

| MINISTERS OF THE WORD |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ST JAMES CHURCH       |                     |
| DATE                  | 11.00AM MASS        |
| 12/04                 | Shane Healy         |
| 19/04                 | Natasha Karunarathe |
| 26/04                 | Herb Zimmer         |

#### SUPPORTING THE ONGOING PASTORAL AND BUILDING WORKS OF THE RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

Donations can now be made via the QR code on each pew or on the Parish Bulletin.

Click on to the QR and it will take you to the Parish's donation page.

We thank you for your generosity in supporting the works of the Richmond Catholic Parish.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the works of the Parish by donation through our QR Code. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## HOLY LAND COMMISSARIATE (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION

The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

Thank you on behalf of the Holy Land Commissariat to the Parishioners of the Richmond Catholic Parish.

**This year, the Parishioners of the Richmond Catholic Parish, donated \$3983.25 to the Commissariat for the ongoing works in the Holy Land.**

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land by making a donation via the envelopes provided in St Ignatius Church and St James Church.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Divine Mercy Sunday is about one thing: the reality that God's mercy is always available, no matter where you've been or where you are right now.*

*For many Catholics, Divine Mercy Sunday has become a powerful opportunity to reset spiritually, return to the Sacraments, and grow in trust in God's love.*

### The Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday

*The devotion comes from the revelations received by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the early 20th century. Through her, Jesus emphasized His desire that the world come to know and trust in His mercy.*

*He specifically asked for a feast dedicated to Divine Mercy, to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.*

*This request was later affirmed by the Church, especially through the leadership of Pope John Paul II, who officially established Divine Mercy Sunday in the year 2000.*

## Pope Leo XIV

### Appeals for Peace



*Speaking from the loggia of St Peter's Basilica on Easter,*

*Pope Leo XIV delivered a passionate appeal for peace, declaring that the power of the risen Christ is 'entirely nonviolent' and calling on world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose dialogue over domination.*

*'In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by His immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!'*

*Pope Leo XIV on Easter Sunday*



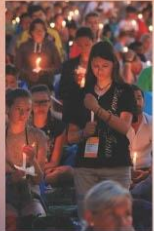
## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Korea for the largest gathering of young people in the world.

In the days leading up to WYD, you will take part in MAGIS, the Jesuit international programme for young adults. Gather with participants from across the globe for an Ignatian experience of service, prayer, and reflection before coming together at World Youth Day.





**Date:** 25 July - 8 August 2027  
**Cost:** approx. \$850 (excl. flights)  
**Age:** 18-30 year olds  
**Contact:** Fr Ramesh Richards SJ  
[ramesh.richards@cardoner.org](mailto:ramesh.richards@cardoner.org)





**SUBMIT INTEREST BY  
10 JUNE 2026**