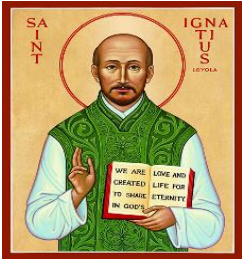


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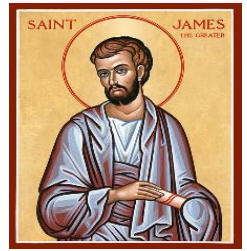


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

**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

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**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
ACKNOWLEDGES**

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026**

COME DRESSED IN YOUR NATIONAL COSTUME

CELEBRATION OF MASS – MULTICULTURAL MASS

- 9.30am – St Ignatius Church

**FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCHEON IN THE
PARISH HALL**

- We are asking all parishioners and all cultural groups within our parish to contribute to the luncheon, by supplying a traditional cuisine dish.

ENTERTAINMENT:

We are inviting various groups to perform during the light luncheon in the hall.

- Perform a traditional cultural dance or song.
- Teach everyone present a traditional dance.

If any group would like to perform, please contact Licia in the Parish Office, on 8420 6789 especially if you require equipment for your performance. This may be access to record music, access to musical instruments and/or microphones.

We are sure that there are many talented people out there. Share your gifts and talents with our Parish Community.



Please note, there will only be one Mass celebrated on the weekend of 3/4 October, that being the 9:30am Mass.

**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*Cf Sirach 36:18*

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
 Should they cry to me in any distress
 I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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*Isaiah 55:6-9**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
 call to him while he is still near.
 Let the wicked man abandon his way,
 the evil man his thoughts.
 Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
 to our God who is rich in forgiving;
 for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
 Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
 as my ways are above your ways,
 my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18***(R.)** The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
 and praise your name for ever.
 the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
 his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
 How good is the Lord to all,
 compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Philippians 1:20-24, 27**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*See Acts of the Apostles 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
 to listen to the words of your Son.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 20:1-16**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

BAPTISM

✚ Luca Sandro Maio (19/09)

RECENTLY DECEASED

✚ Peter Grundman

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.*



✚ Dorothy Paul
✚ 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

SEPTEMBER FEAST DAYS

✚ 21st St Matthew
✚ 23rd St Pius (Padre Pio) Pietrelcina
✚ 26th Ss Cosmas and Damian



SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

AUSTRALIAN JESUIT FOUNDATION TRUST

Australian Jesuit 2026 Father's Day Collection



The Australian Jesuit Foundation extend their appreciation for the support and generosity that they received from the Richmond Catholic Parish



NEWS FROM THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN KEW

The Carmelite Monastery is still a worksite following recent flooding. As a result of this, the following feast day Masses will not be open to the public:

1st October – Feast of St Teresa of Avila

15th October – Feast of St Therese of Lisieux

THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

The Neocatechumenal Way is an itinerary of Catholic formation that is at the service of the Bishops, as a form of diocesan implementation of Christian initiation and of ongoing education in faith.



It is lived within parishes and in small communities made up by people of different ages and social conditions. It has the ultimate goal of gradually bringing the faithful to intimacy with Jesus Christ, making them active subjects of the Church and credible witnesses of the Good News of our Saviour.

On many occasions and in different ways, St. John Paul II highlighted the abundance of fruits of the evangelisation and of the extraordinary missionary drive that the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the faithful, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as “an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times”.

This weekend, a team of the Neocatechumenal Way represented by Giovanni and Domitilla Turchi, Fr. Joe Pelle and Alberto Manrique, a seminarian from Spain, will be visiting St. Ignatius Church and St. James Church. During the Masses, they will share their experience of this ecclesial reality. They will be available after Mass to answer any questions.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

by Pope Leo XIV

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death
without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power
with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women
filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples
who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies
into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust
in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross
with a broken heart, firm in the faith
that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for
and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth,
protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!

ihc JESUIT CONFERENCE of ASIA PACIFIC

COLLECTION WEEK – 12th/13th September ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH

Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$2654.20

Loose Collection – \$275.00

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
19/09	Martin O'Brien	20/09	Haydn Walters
26/09	Haydn Walters	27/09	Simon Feely
03/10	Marlon D'Souza	04/10	Mary Ebolo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
19/09	Marlon D'Souza	20/09	Josepha Nadu
26/09	Martin O'Brien	27/09	Rosie Coulthard
03/10	Mary Burns	04/10	Deborah Browne

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH

DATE	11.00AM MASS
20/09	Barbara Shea
27/09	Herb Zimmer
04/10	Margaret Gibson