

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
23 AUGUST 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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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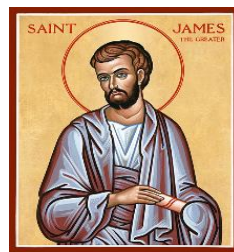
**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



GOSPEL REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mould as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like – usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mould and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah.

When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.



CUPPA AFTER MASS

The Parish's "Cuppa after Mass" will be held on Saturday 5 September and Sunday 6 September. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Father's Day as a Parish Community.

**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 Psalm 85:1-3*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
 save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
 long.

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 22:19-23**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the
 palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
 I remove you from your post,
 and the same day I call on my servant
 Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
 I invest him with your robe,
 gird him with your sash,
 entrust him with your authority;
 and he shall be a father
 to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and to the House of Judah.
 I place the key of the House of David
 on his shoulder;
 should he open, no one shall close,
 should he close, no one shall open.
 I drive him like a peg
 into a firm place;
 he will become a throne of glory
 for his father's house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
 do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
 you have heard the words of my mouth.
 Before the angels I will bless you.
 I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
 which excel all we ever knew of you.
 On the day I called, you answered;
 you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
 and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
 discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING*Romans 11:33-36**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom
 and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his
 motives or understand his methods! Who could ever
 know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his
 counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend
 him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by
 him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
 the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 16:13-20**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he
 put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say
 the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John
 the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
 the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
 Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he
 said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon
 son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not
 flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father
 in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on
 this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the
 underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you
 the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind
 on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
 you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
 heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to
 tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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 Psalm 103:13-15*

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O
Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

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.*



-  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

AUGUST FEAST DAYS

-  24th St Bartholomew
-  25th St Louis
-  25th St Joseph Calasanz
-  27th St Monica
-  28th St Augustine
-  29th The Passion of St John the Baptist

COLLECTION WEEK – 15th/16th August ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$172.00
Loose Collection – \$2432.10

UNWELCOME INTRUDERS IN ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

Over the past few days, we have had intruders inside St Ignatius Church. We have CCTV footage of them walking around the Church taking photos and touching some of the items in the Church. They were also on the Sanctuary, showing no respect for what it represents. At one stage, they headed towards the organ, trying to prise it open. There we many parishioners inside the Church during this incident.

If any parishioner happens to be in the Church and witness anything or anyone suspicious, no matter how small, please contact the parish office immediately.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and the Archdiocese asks everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Your generous gift supports
ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



DONATE ONLINE



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN
2026



melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

That in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new way to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

This Winter, you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness get the support they need.

Your generous support can help vulnerable people in our community. Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will directly support Vinnies' core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty and cost-of-living pressures.

The Richmond Catholic Parish is supporting Vinnies' Winter Appeal. The Society's Richmond Conference was established in our parish in 1900 and has been serving those in need since then. During the last 12 months our Conference members have made 233 visits to needy households and provided food vouchers and Vinnies' shop cards to the value of \$21,305 as well as providing furniture to 15 households.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating in any of the following ways:

- **Online at vinnies.org.au**
- **Phone by calling 13 18 12**
- **Collect an envelope in the Church and either post the envelope or return it to the Parish Office.**

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.



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

Once again, next weekend, as a Parish we are assisting with the work of the "Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project" (BASP) by organising the collection of the items as suggested below.

BASP helps over 250 people a month with housing or rental payments. It also provides groceries to many people – some delivered to their home and some collection by individuals from the centre.

It covers bills and daily expenses for people who are unable to work due to illness or because the government has not given them the right to work.

BASP volunteers provide social support and friendship to many of the people we assist. BASP is also involved in advocating for a fair, just and **timely process for people seeking asylum. There are people who have been in Australia for 12 years still waiting for a visa. These years of uncertainty have a damaging impact on individuals and families.**

FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO ASSIST BASP:

Black Tea	Salt and Pepper	Honey	Gladwrap
Coffee Small/Medium Jar	Washing Liquid/Powder – 1 Kg	Strawberry Jam	Dishwashing Liquid
Long Life Full Cream Milk	Bin Liners – Large	Dates	Sponges
Oil- Olive and Vegetable	Spray n' Wipe	Sweet Biscuits	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Basmati Rice – 1kg	Toilet Duck	Tuna in Oil	
Instant Noodles	Shampoo	Saving Cream and Razors	

Please place your items in a shopping bag and place the bag in the collect boxes in the Church

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/08	Martin O'Brien	23/08	Simon Feely
29/08	Peter Keogh	30/08	Mary Ebolo
05/09	Marlon D'Souza	06/09	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
22/08	Mary Burns	23/08	Rosie Coulthard
29/08	Therese Keogh	30/08	Gabrielle Keenan
05/09	Giovanna Scollo	06/09	Constantino Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
23/08	Louisa Luu
30/08	Aseye Banini
06/09	Shane Healy

