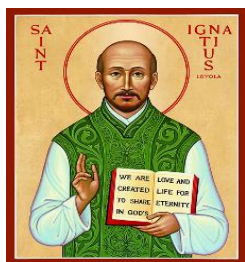


PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A
24 MAY 2026



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**

**57-61 Davison Street,
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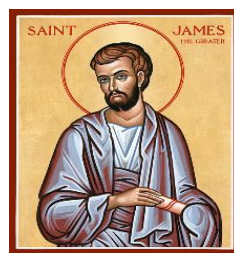
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OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



The Bush Fire of Pentecost

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

**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

Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, 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. 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

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all
met in one room, when suddenly they heard what
sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of
which filled the entire house in which they were sitting;
and something appeared to them that seemed like
tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the
head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy
Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the
Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from
every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all
assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men
speaking his own language. They were amazed and
astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking
are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears
them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and
Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as
visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike –
Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own
language about the marvels of God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the
influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is working in
all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is
given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many
parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though
many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one
Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,
slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to
us all to drink.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.'

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 *Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

BAPTISM

✚ Martin Thomas Tehan (24/05)

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.



National Count of Attendance 2026 FOURTH AND FINAL WEEK 23/24 MAY

The first National Count of Attendance for 2026 began
last weekend, so please don't be surprised when you
observe our counters focusing on each pew during our
Parish Masses this weekend. This weekend the
attendance count will be taken in age grouping as
follows: 0-17; 18-19; 30-49; 50-69; 70+

FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Monday 25 May is the feast of Mary
Help of Christians – the patroness of
Australia.

The establishment of the feast has an
interesting history, and a unique
place in the Catholic history of
Australia.

The feast focuses on Our Lady's help
to those in need through her
intercession to confront sin and to
stand against anti-Christian forces.

Pope Pius VII established the feast in honour of Our
Lady Help of Christians in 1815.

After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, he
established the feast in thanksgiving for his release.

Australia, a new colony at that time, had no Catholic
priests and therefore no Mass available.

The faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain
the Catholic community.

In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world
to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571,
when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary
Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe
prayed the Rosary.



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

JESUIT MISSION APPEAL - THANK YOU

Jesuit Mission would like to offer a heartfelt THANK
YOU to the Richmond Catholic Parish for giving so
generously to the annual Jesuit Mission Parish Appeal.

As we celebrate 75 years of Jesuit Mission, we are
reminded that we are all part of one vine with many
branches, each act of generosity helping to bring hope,
opportunity and support to vulnerable communities in
over 10 countries around the world.

If you would still like to donate, please visit
jesuitmission.org.au/parish or contact 02 8918 4109.



STAY FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS

All parishioners are warmly invited to stay for A drink and to share some time getting to know each other.

Our next “cuppa” after Mass will be on the following dates:



- ✚ Saturday 30 May after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass in the Presbytery Kitchen
- ✚ Sunday 31 May after the 9.30am Mass on the Veranda outside the Presbytery

COLLECTION WEEK – 16 th and 17 th May	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$100.35	
Loose Collection – \$1876.85	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
23/05	Haydn Walters	24/05	Simon Feely
30/05	Therese Keogh	31/05	Haydn Walters
06/06	Martin O'Brian	07/06	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
23/05	Mary Burns	24/05	Rosie Coulthard
30/05	Peter Keogh	31/05	Leonardo Vong
06/06	Giovanna Scollo	07/06	Anonda Le Messurier

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
24/05	Aseye Banini
31/05	Shane Healy
07/06	Natasha Karunarathe

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.



**WYD
SEOUL
2027**

**EXPRESSION
OF
INTEREST**

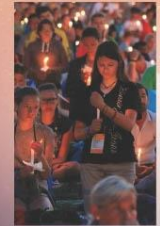


**MAGIS
2027 KOREA**
LIVING HOPE, IGNITING PEACE

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




**SUBMIT INTEREST BY
10 JUNE 2026**

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!



