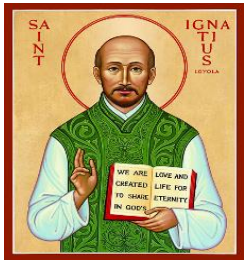


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A
26 APRIL 2026



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

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
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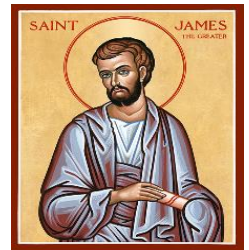
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OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

**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 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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 2:14. 36-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WILLIAM (BILL) JONES

FRIDAY 8 MAY DURING THE MIDDAY MASS

Bill died, at the age of 90, on Saturday 11
April 2026.

He was a faithful member of the Richmond
Catholic Parish. He used to ring the bells in
St Ignatius Church every day prior to the
Midday Mass, announcing "The Angelus".

We ask that you keep Bill's family in your
prayers at this time of great personal loss.

Bill's family would find it comforting to see
as many parishioners to attend his memorial
and share some stories about Bill's presence
within the Richmond Catholic Parish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Mary Joyce Imbesi (14/04)
- William (Bill) Jones (11/04)



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.



Good Shepherd Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend is the World
Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Leo tells us:

*Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full
and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use
(cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and
weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and
in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers
help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated
life or priesthood.



National Count of Attendance 2026

National Count of Attendance for 2026
will be taking place over the first four
weeks of May, with the first weekend of the Count
taking place on 2/3 May 2026.

If you are able to assist with the counting at any of the
Parish Masses during the four weekends in May, please
contact Licia Marchese at the Parish Office on 8420
6789.

JESUIT MISSION MAYTIME FAIR SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026

We can't wait to share an unforgettable day with you at the Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair! Bring your friends and family along for a day packed with excitement, fun, and community spirit, all for a great cause.

Join us on Saturday, 2 May, from 9am to 4pm at Xavier College Kew. All proceeds support Jesuit Mission's work, empowering vulnerable communities in Southeast Asia and Africa. With live music, rides, games, arts and crafts, a wine auction, and more, there's something for everyone!

For more information visit our website
<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytimefair>

Purchase ride tickets
<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytime-fair-rides/>

Purchase raffle tickets
<https://fundraise.jesuitmission.org.au/raffle/2026>



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.

COLLECTION WEEK – 18 th & 19 th April	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$286.00	
Loose Collection – \$2490.65	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
25/04	Peter Keogh	26/04	Mary Ebolo
02/05	Giovanna Scollo	03/05	Raquel Gonzales
09/05	Martin O'Brian	10/05	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
25/04	Therese Keogh	26/04	Sr Barbara Brown-Graham Fcj
02/05	Ancita D'Cunha	03/05	Cory Gonzales
09/05	Marlon D'Souza	10/05	Josepha Nadu

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
26/04	Herb Zimmer
03/05	Barbara Shea
10/05	Margaret Gibson

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!