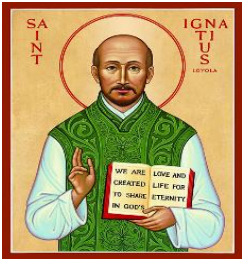


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

26 JULY 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
VIC 3121

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Principal

Nigel Rodrigues
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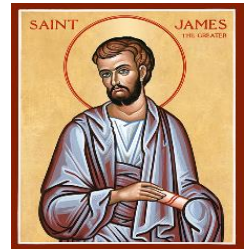
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

HAPPY FEAST DAY ON THE FEAST OF ST JAMES THE GREATER (25 JULY)

TO BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, 26 JULY

To all members of our Parish Faith Community at St James, the whole Richmond Catholic Parish joins with you in celebrating the Feast of St James the Greater.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST



The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus and the patron saint of our Church is on Friday 31 July, but the Richmond Catholic Parish will be celebrating St Ignatius Feast Day on Sunday 2 August.

Our main celebrant will be Bishop Thinh Nguyen DD. Concelebrating will be Fr Trung Nguyen SJ, PP and some of his Jesuit brothers.

Students from Trinity Catholic School will be receiving their First Eucharist on this special celebration.

There will be only one Mass celebrated in the Parish on Sunday 2 August, that being the 9.30am Mass in St Ignatius Church.

Therefore, for the weekend of 1st and 2nd of August, the following Masses will not be celebrated within the Richmond Catholic Parish.

-  **5.00pm Vigil Mass in St Ignatius Church**
-  **11.00am Mass in St James Church**
-  **4.00pm Sunday Vietnamese 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 Psalm 67:6-7,36*

God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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*1 Kings 3:5.7-12**A reading from the first book of the Kings*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97***(R.)** Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
 is to obey your word.
 The law from your mouth means more to me
 than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
 by your promise to your servant.
 Let your love come to me and I shall live
 for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
 more than finest gold.
 That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
 I hate false ways. **(R.)**

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
 therefore I obey it.
 The unfolding of your word gives light
 and teaches the simple. **(R)**

SECOND READING*Romans 8:28-30**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*See Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 13:44-52**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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

JULY FEAST DAYS

-  25th St James the Greater
-  31st St Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST FEAST DAYS

-  1st St Alphonsus Mary Liguori

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE GREATER



Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple.

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was

fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

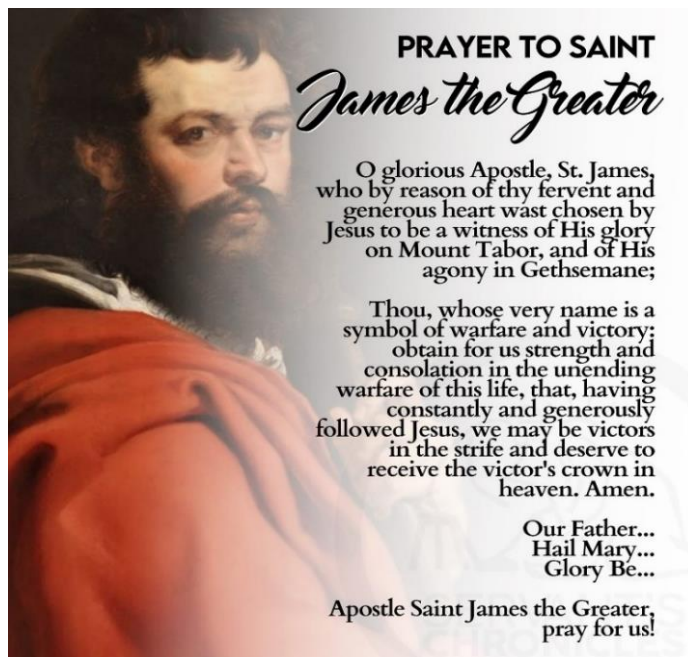
Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him.



PRAYER TO SAINT

James the Greater

O glorious Apostle, St. James,
who by reason of thy fervent and
generous heart wast chosen by
Jesus to be a witness of His glory
on Mount Tabor, and of His
agony in Gethsemane;

Thou, whose very name is a
symbol of warfare and victory;
obtain for us strength and
consolation in the unending
warfare of this life, that, having
constantly and generously
followed Jesus, we may be victors
in the strife and deserve to
receive the victor's crown in
heaven. Amen.

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

Apostle Saint James the Greater,
pray for us!

CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

On Sunday 2 August, at the 9.30am Mass, we as a Parish community will be celebrating the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, - founder of the Society of Jesus and the patron saint of our Church.

After Mass, we will enjoy a light meal together in the Parish Hall. We are asking parishioners to contribute to the refreshments by bringing along a salad, cakes or sandwiches and traditional food from your culture to be shared with each other.

We are seeking volunteers, about three, to begin setting up the hall prior to the celebration. The setting up will begin at 8.45am, prior to the 9.30am Mass. We are also seeking volunteers, about four, to make themselves available to stay behind and clean up after the celebration.

If you are available to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 8420 6789.



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.

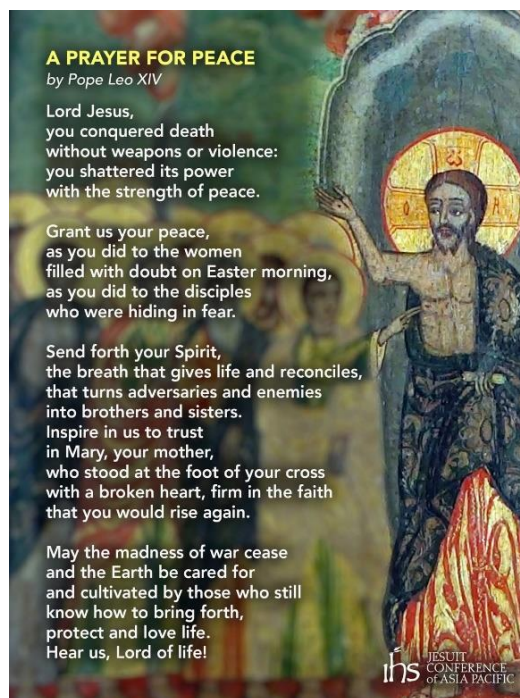
The Richmond Catholic Parish is supporting Vinnies' Winter Appeal. The Society's Richmond Conference was established in our parish in 1900 and has been serving those in need since then. During the last 12 months our Conference members have made 233 visits to needy households and provided food vouchers 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.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.



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 July	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$402.00	
Loose Collection – \$1957.50	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
25/07	Therese Keogh	26/07	Mary Ebolo
01/08	NO MASS	02/08	TBC
08/08	Haydn Walters	09/08	Raquel Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
25/07	Peter Keogh	26/07	Sr Tina Lubong FDZ
01/08	NO MASS	02/08	TBC
08/08	Marlon D'Souza	09/08	Cory Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
26/07	Natasha Karunarathe
02/08	NO MASS
09/08	Barbara Shea