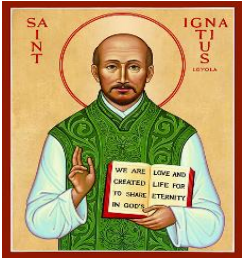


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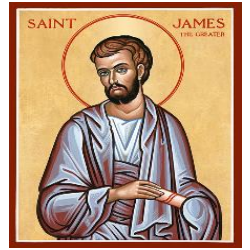


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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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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The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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 6:1-7**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19.*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING*1 Peter 2:4-9**A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 14:1-12**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,

Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no
other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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

✚ Marek Gruszczynski (22/04)

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.



National Count of Attendance 2026 FIRST WEEK 2/3 MAY

The first National Count of Attendance for 2026 begins this weekend, so please don't be surprised when you observe our counters focusing on each pew during our Parish Masses this weekend and the following three weekends.

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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Pope Leo's prayer that everyone might have food is so simple and the need for nourishing food is so evident that at first sight it should hardly need to be prayed. The earth is bountiful enough to provide food for everyone, fertilisers available enough to make the earth grow, and transport sufficient to transfer skills and surplus food in one nation to meet crises in others. And yet people, including most unforgivably children go hungry, and money that could be spent on food is spent in excluding the hungry when they knock on the door of nations with more than enough food.

That disparity echoes Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus. In it, the rich feed on fine food and wine while Lazarus picks up the scraps at their feet and shares them with the dogs. That is echoed uncomfortably in the contrast between people dining on fine foods and wines in city restaurants with emaciated people sleeping in the streets outside. This extreme inequality breeds discomfort, which in turn leads to beggars being driven from the wealthy part of town. Out of sight, out of mind. In Jesus' story, the fault of the rich man was not failing to feed Lazarus but failing to notice him as a human being like himself.

The need to notice lies at the heart of Pope Leo's prayer. To feed the hungry in any society requires more than a technical solution of providing adequate production, transport and financing. It demands the conversion of heart needed to make these steps a priority. That, in turn, demands conversion of the eyes so that they notice the people who are hungry. The habit of noticing, being moved by, and staying with people who go hungry lies at the heart of prayer. It requires discernment, noticing the movements of our hearts and the needs of our brothers and sisters, and the courage to remedy what we see.

Traditionally, and still in the religious practice of many people, attention to the world and to the people around us, and a compassionate response to them have been encouraged by special periods of prayer and fasting. In the words of the humiliated King Lear in Shakespeare's play, they urge us to 'expose thyself to feel what wretches feel'. In the Muslim observance of Ramadan people are encouraged to open their table to the needy in the evening meal that breaks the daily fast.

By themselves, of course, prayer and charity do not solve the logistical challenges involved in feeding the poor in an unequal world. That depends particularly on the priority that governments of wealthy nations give it. That is why Pope Leo prays that that, everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has enough. It means that in families we pay attention to recycling food, putting pressure on the management of large companies to make left-over food available to people in need instead of being dumped, supporting overseas aid, and demanding that governments give a high priority to aid programs.

COLLECTION WEEK – 25 th & 26 th April	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$463.00	
Loose Collection – \$2193.65	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
02/05	Giovanna Scollo	03/05	Raquel Gonzales
09/05	Martin O'Brian	10/05	Simon Feely
16/05	Marlon D'Souza	17/05	Mary Ebolo

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ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
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09/05	Marlon D'Souza	10/05	Josepha Nadu
16/05	Martin O'Brian	17/05	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
03/05	Barbara Shea
10/05	Margaret Gibson
17/05	Louisa Luu

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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.