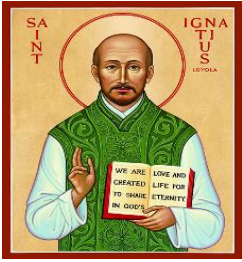


# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

## 4 OCTOBER 2026

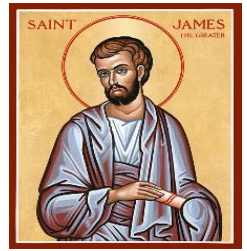


FEAST DAY – 31 JULY

### 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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### RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



#### Pope Francis' Prayer for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

God, Almighty Father,  
we are your pilgrim Church  
journeying towards  
the Kingdom of heaven.  
We live in our homeland,  
but as if we were foreigners.  
Every foreign place is our home,  
yet every native land is foreign to us.  
Though we live on earth,  
our true citizenship is in heaven.  
Do not let us become possessive  
of the portion of the world  
you have given us as a temporary home.  
Help us to keep walking  
together with our migrant  
brothers and sisters,  
toward the eternal dwelling  
you have prepared for us.  
Open our eyes and our hearts  
so that every encounter with those in need  
becomes an encounter with Jesus,  
your Son and Our Lord.  
Amen.

#### 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 Esther 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## 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 5:1-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20*

**(R.)** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:6-9*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*See John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:33-43*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season

arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### **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**

**Lam 3:25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 4 OCTOBER 2026**

#### **PRESIDER:**

*Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, and open our eyes to the suffering of our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters, as we gather around the table of the Eucharist.*

#### **READER:**

*For Pope Leo and all our clergy in the Church, that they may be encouraged by our prayers and support to lead God's people in building a culture of a future that respects the human dignity of all migrants. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For all children, forced to leave their homes or separated from families because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters or other tragedies. May their angels watch over their travels and may we help them find safety and peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For all children who are exploited or abused in their travel or foreign lands. May they rediscover their dignity as precious sons and daughters of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For our local community and all who care for migrants and refugees. May we joyfully create spaces in which every person is respected and valued in his or her own cultural identity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For all people, that we may grow in awareness of the issue of migration and become a voice calling for greater protection of our migrants and refugees. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For governments and social services. May they urgently address the complex vulnerabilities that face migrants and refugees with God's tenderness and compassion. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For believers in different religious traditions. May we work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*For migrant workers. May they labour in safe and just conditions, and that we who benefit from their labour may be truly grateful for what they provide. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

*We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. We pray especially for those who have died along the way of migrant journeys. May they find their place of rest in the Kingdom of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.*

#### **PRESIDER:**

*Father, listen to our prayers. We recognize that we are one human family, all migrants, journeying together in hope with Jesus, who once was a migrant himself. May the Eucharist bring us "to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly" with one another for a world where Justice. Peace, Integrity of Creation and Solidarity pervade, now and forever.*

### **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](mailto:parish@ignatius.org.au)

### **OCTOBER FEAST DAYS**

-  7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary
-  15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Jesus

### **NEWS FROM THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN KEW**



The Carmelite Monastery is still a worksite following recent flooding. As a result of this, the following feast day Masses will not be open to the public:

**15<sup>th</sup> October – Feast of St Therese of Lisieux**

## Reflection for 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026

When the infant Jesus fled with Mary and Joseph into Egypt, he had no agency of his own. We see him as fragile, defenceless and vulnerable. Yet this is the way he chose to come into the world. Jesus was born to a poor family in occupied territory, far away from wealth and power. "Although his state was divine," he "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave... even to accepting death, death on a cross." This self-emptying love is actually how Jesus shows us who God is, and who matters to God.

Every defenceless and vulnerable child matters to God, and we are called to remember their needs. Pope Leo chose this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees theme as 'Even Just One of These Children'. He reminds us that "Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration". Their traumas include being forced to leave their homeland, losing family members to violence, being separated from family members, trafficking, exploitation and other atrocities. Their many vulnerabilities call for an urgent response.

The message from Ezekiel is stark. God sees the injustices of the world, but rather than blame God, we are asked to take up our own responsibility to address them. In the Gospel, Jesus also gives each person a choice to do God's will or to avoid our duties. However, in a more positive light, turning to God, in both cases, means there is always time to build a better world for our children. God gives us an opportunity to say yes to God, to walk in the way of justice and right.

As a Christian community, we can encourage each other by the way we choose to live. Children are often the best examples. They have a natural humility, and call out the best in others. "Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead." We can inspire each other to have this attitude of Jesus, who offers himself without pride.

Pope Leo challenges Christian communities to become places of welcome, healing and dignity, where "every boy and every girl is respected and valued in his or her own cultural identity." Like Mary and Joseph, in protecting the most vulnerable, we are caring for Jesus who lives in them.

And as we receive the gift of his body today, broken for us, in the Eucharist, we become the self-emptying body of Christ in our world.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

That mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

### Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Mission Fair

**Saturday 17 October 2026**

**9:00am to 2:20pm**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu for water tanks.

Thank you for your kind help and support. We assure you of our grateful prayers and ask you to remember us in your Holy Mass.

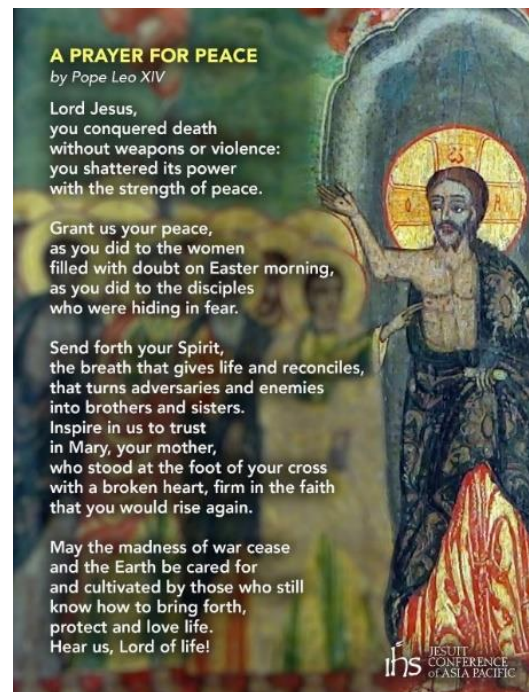
For further information, please telephone: 9817 3715.

| COLLECTION WEEK – 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> September |                                       |
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| ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH                         |                                       |
| English Masses                                                 | Vietnamese Mass                       |
| Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$361.00                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection - \$704.95 |
| Loose Collection – \$2114.35                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - \$238.40 |

| MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST |                      |       |                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| ST IGNATIUS CHURCH         |                      |       |                       |
| DATE                       | 5.00PM<br>VIGIL MASS | DATE  | 9.30AM<br>SUNDAY MASS |
| 03/10                      | NO MASS              | 04/10 | TBC                   |
| 10/10                      | Haydn Walters        | 11/10 | Raquel Gonzales       |
| 17/10                      | Giovanna Scollo      | 18/10 | Kaye Hogan            |

| MINISTERS OF THE WORD |                      |       |                       |
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| 10/10                 | Giovanna Scollo      | 11/10 | Anonda Le Messurier   |
| 17/10                 | Ancita D'Cunha       | 18/10 | Gabrielle Keenan      |

| MINISTERS OF THE WORD |              |
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| ST JAMES CHURCH       |              |
| DATE                  | 11.00AM MASS |
| 04/10                 | NO MASS      |
| 11/10                 | Louisa Luu   |
| 18/10                 | Aseye Banini |



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Click on to the QR and it will take you to the Parish's donation page.

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