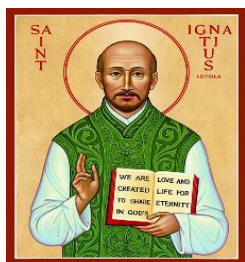


EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A
5 APRIL 2026



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,
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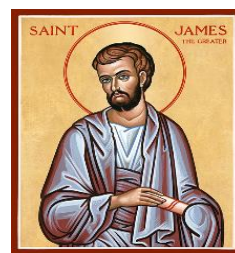
**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



My dear sisters and brothers,

Peace and Easter blessings be upon you all.

Once again, the joy of Easter resounds with the cry, “Christ is Risen!” His proclamation is the source of our hope, the unshakeable conviction of our faith, and the inspiration for our determination to share the beauty and promise of our faith with others.

The Resurrection of Christ, reaffirms all that Jesus taught about God’s merciful love, healing and liberation from sin.

May the Resurrection of our Saviour be a constant reminder of His love and the promise of eternal life.

I wish you all and your family and loved ones a blessed peace-filled and joyous Easter in the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Fr. Trung Nguyen SJ
Parish Priest

**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 138:18,5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
 alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23*

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say:
 ‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING*Colossians 3:1-4**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
 and Christ, the undefiled,
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 20:1-9**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb

first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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 *Corinthians 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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.*



-  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.

COLLECTION WEEK – 28 th & 29 th March	
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & St JAMES CHURCH	
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$2880.45	
Loose Collection – \$503.00	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
04/04	No Mass	05/04	Raquel Gonzales
11/04	Martin O'Brian	12/04	Simon Feely
18/04	Haydn Walters	19/04	Kaye Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD			
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
04/04	No Mass	05/04	Simon Feely
11/04	Mary Burns	12/04	Sr Helen Buckley Fcj
18/04	Giovanna Scollo	19/04	Constantino Gonzales

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
05/04	Aseye Banini
12/04	Shane Healy
19/04	Natasha Karunarathe

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office is closed on Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday 7 April.

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.



2026 EASTER MESSAGE

Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery - flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION – 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support. This year, we have shared the stories of inspiring people whose lives have been uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustices.

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