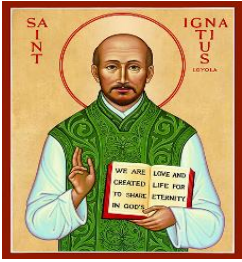


FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP - YEAR A

9 AUGUST 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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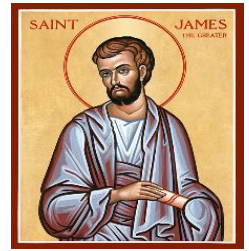
RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY - 8 AUGUST 2026

This weekend as a Parish, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

This weekend Readings are from the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Feast Day

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, patron saint of Australia, was born in 1842 in Victoria to Scottish immigrants.

As the oldest of eight children, she spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24, she dedicated her life to God and to on the name, “Mary of the Cross”.

Along with Father Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for under privileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia’s first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph, known affectionately, as the Josephites or the “brown joeys”.

Mary and here Sisters were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took them all over Australia to many rural areas.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of these trials, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken to those who wronged her, while remaining resolute in her convictions.

Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in the 19th Century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop died in 1909.

She was canonised on 17 October, 2010 by Pope Benedict XV1.

Josephite Emblem symbolizes the devotions that were most dear to Mary Mackillop and Fr Julian Tenison-Woods.



Cross: Mary called herself, “Mary of the Cross” as she was called to bear the cross many times throughout her life.

Ave Maria: “Hail Mary” is a popular prayer to Mary, the Mother of God.

Jesus: Was the one to whom Mary gave her life

Joseph: Was Mary’s special patron to whom she prayed often and most fervently.

John the Baptist: Was the one who prepared the way for Jesus, as Mary Mackillop wanted her Sisters to do.

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 Matthew 25:34,36,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

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 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields;

they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

COLLECTION WEEK – 1 st /2 nd August ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH & ST. JAMES CHURCH
Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$351.00
Loose Collection – \$2191.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR

CONFIRMATION:

 David McRae Roberts (09/08)

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

AUGUST FEAST DAYS

-  8th St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
-  14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
-  15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity of Obligation)



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

Mass will be celebrated for the
Feast of the Assumption in St
Ignatius Church at 10.30am on Saturday 15
August.

Mass will be celebrated in English and
Vietnamese with readings in both languages.



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.**

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. The Archbishop is encouraging all parishioners to think about what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. You will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church, a banner on our website and images supporting the campaign on our social media accounts.

This year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is moving to one major collection for the purposes of the Archdiocese, the annual Archbishop's Campaign. Tax deductible gifts will go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports:

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Mission

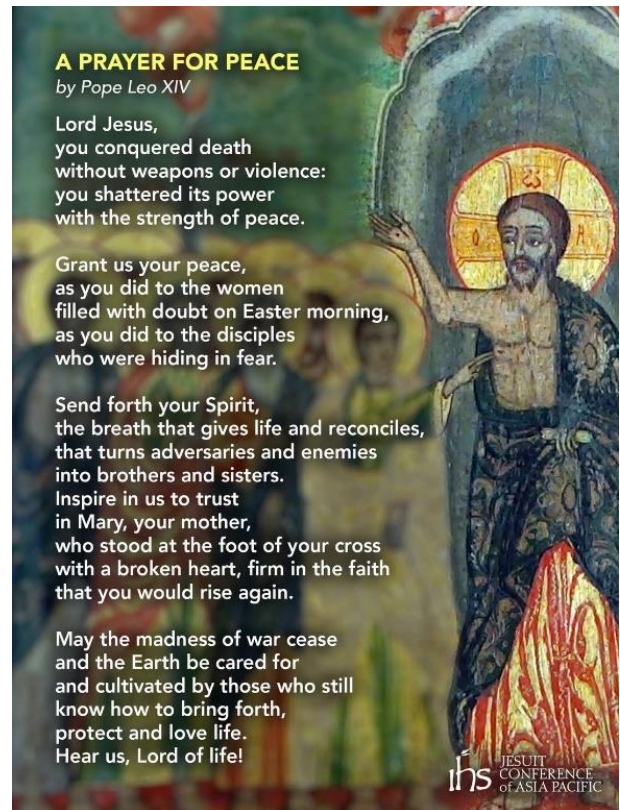
Non-deductible donations will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Funds which support:

- The Archbishop's evangelization initiatives, such as Australian Youth Festival and World Youth Day, and
- Seminarian education

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.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

That in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new way to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
08/08	Haydn Walters	09/08	Raquel Gonzales
15/08	Giovanna Scollo	16/08	Haydn Walters
22/08	Martin O'Brien	23/08	Simon Feely

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST IGNATIUS CHURCH			
DATE	5.00PM VIGIL MASS	DATE	9.30AM SUNDAY MASS
08/08	Marlon D'Souza	09/08	Cory Gonzales
15/08	Martin O'Brien	16/08	Kaye Hogan
22/08	Mary Burns	23/08	Rosie Coulthard

MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST JAMES CHURCH	
DATE	11.00AM MASS
09/08	Barbara Shea
16/08	Margaret Gibson
23/08	Louisa Luu

