

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

of St Ignatius and St James



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SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily:

7.30am

(Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat)

12 noon

(Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)

Saturday:

6.00pm (Vigil)

7.00pm (Polish)

Sunday:

9.30am (English)

12.00 noon (Polish)

5.30pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Friday of the Month

St James' Church

162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121

Mass Times:

Tuesday: 8.30am

Sunday: 10.30am

Trinity Catholic Primary School

57-61 Davison Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121

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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.

December 2 - Abolition of Slavery

The abolition of slavery is rightly regarded as a moral triumph in the face of strong opposition. It is hard to imagine Western societies ever accepting again slavery in the form it had taken in the nineteenth century. But the attitudes that underlay the support for slavery have remained intact and are reflected in new forms of slavery. They are rooted deeply in the human heart.

To those who accepted slavery the human beings made slaves were possessions they had bought. Their value lay not in their humanity but in their financial cost and resale value and their capacity to work hard. Like hoes or horses they could be discarded when they wore out or when new models were required. Their gifts, sorrows, joys and relationships were of no interest to their owners unless they could be exploited for financial gain. Owners might treat them kindly, but this would be seen as a tribute to their own generosity of spirit, or perhaps as shrewd managerial tactics, not as a duty.

Slave owners and traders regarded the abolishment of slavery as confiscation of their property and unjustified interference in their business. Their opposition diminished only when changing economic conditions made slavery uneconomic. The root of slavery, however, the valuation of human beings by their contribution to others' profit, remained. It is central to most contemporary economic theories and to the practices of big businesses. The difference between slaves and many workers today is that the slave had no say in where he worked but was bought, sold and controlled without opportunity to volunteer or refuse his services. Today workers are often seen simply as a cost, with their human value discounted. In many cases, too, in order to survive they have no option but to accept work without the opportunity to negotiate conditions. Their choice is hardly free.

In many societies people are still enslaved. In the developed world people trafficking is a common form of slavery. People in the developing world are promised lucrative work in a rich nation. On arrival the traders take their passport, often force them into sex work or other demeaning and dangerous occupations and leave them only a pittance for food.

As we celebrate the abolition of slavery, we are invited to reflect on the ways in which people are enslaved in our own society. We are also invited to demand a society in which the economy serves the whole of society and people are respected for the intrinsic worth and not just for their economic output. Freedom is based on respect.

That respect for vulnerable young people remains at the core of the programs of Jesuit Social Services and of our insistence that the Government must give decent support to vulnerable people in order to help them make connections with society.

By Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ

A Jesuit Parish Our Missions:

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.

PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH:

Fr. Huy Nguyen Viet SJ PP

Fr. Ferruccio Romanin SJ

SICK LIST:

Paul Power

Kate Tynan

Paula Stuart

Darryl Stanton

Lanka Gooneratne

Freda Paul

Teresa Berchy

Margaret Jansen

Maria Paloglou

Bridget Moriarty

Marilou Teves

Peter West

Ann West

Declan Ferguson

Deirdre Cordero

Carmen Gauci

Michael Ryan

Hong Anh Nguyen

Mai Đăng



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when
I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House
of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Đáp ca: Lạy Chúa, con vươn linh hồn lên tới Chúa.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in
holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make
you love one another and the whole human race as much as
we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and
Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord
Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life
that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you
learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have
not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority
of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! - Lạy Chúa, xin tỏ lòng từ bi Chúa cho
chúng con, và ban ơn cứu rỗi cho chúng con. - **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun
and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered
by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of
fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers
of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of
Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When
these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your
heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with
debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that
day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.

For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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, (ALL BOW) 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

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

ADVENT SILENT TREATMENT

WELCOMING MYSTERY IN OUR LIVES

Saturday 8 December, 9am–4pm

**St Augustine's Church
St Joseph's Hall, Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000**

A Silent Retreat day in the heart of Melbourne, conducted by
Fr Victor Farrugia.

Cost: donation

PARISH CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

Examination of Conscience in English Language.

Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

Examination of Conscience in Vietnamese Language.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Richmond Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking donations of Christmas gifts for distribution to families and particularly children in the Richmond Area.

We are looking for Christmas foods and goodies for the families and kids that have little to enjoy. Gifts of toys, family passes to the movies, the aquarium, the zoo, etc. plus school materials, colouring pencils and stationary will be most gratefully received. Please take 'tags' from the Giving Trees at St James' and St Ignatius' churches for those that you can help make Christmas a little happier and more special for.

The tag identifies a girl or boy and the age bracket of the child. Please return your gift (with tag) to the churches and place in the boxes under the Giving Trees before or by Sunday 16th December 2018. Please do not wrap the gifts so that they can be sorted to avoid duplication in distribution.

Simply return your gift(s) with tag and place in boxes provided. The gifts will be included in Christmas stockings for distribution to the families.

Thank you for your support.

SPRING RENEWAL AT ST JAMES

It is that time of the year again when all tasks and activities are up for renewal.

We require Readers, Special Ministers. After Mass Morning Tea Volunteers, Rosters, Choir members etc.

If you are already a reader or on any roster and wish to continue then no need to do anything.

If you would like to join (or leave) the team in supporting St James in any of the above ways please speak to Katarina Radonic, (St. James' Sacristan).

Thank you for your help and support in this past year.

We have welcomed new Parishioners who have embraced our Parish and become part of the community.

Thank you all so much.

Blessings

Fr. Huy Viet Nguyen SJ PP.

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| ST JAMES' ROSTER: | 02/12/2018 | 09/12/2018 | 16/12/2018 | 23/12/2018 |
| Reader: | Melissa Benjamin | Sr. Hilary | Thuy Bui | TBA |
| Special Ministers: | Huong Trieu Beryl Miller | Val Flynn Connie Piero | Bernadette Pell Joseph Gauci | TBA Rita Victor Joseph |
| EPWORTH'S ROSTER: | 02/12/2018 | 09/12/2018 | 16/12/2018 | 23/12/2018 |
| | Catryn Tuckwell Arminda Barry Lonia Kucma | Aneetha Vazhappilly Maurine Phelan Julia Walters | Helen Gannon Sr. Cielo Tanio FDZ Volunteer | Lonia Kucma Sr. Catherine Flynn fcJ Christine Hammett |

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (24 Dec)

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| 5.30pm | Carols in English |
| 6.00pm | Family Mass in English |
| 7.30pm | Carols in Vietnamese |
| 8.00pm | Mass in Vietnamese |
| 9.30pm | Carols in Polish |
| 10.00pm | Mass in Polish |
| 11.30pm | Carols In English |
| Midnight | Midnight Mass in English |

Christmas Day (25 Dec)

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| 9.30am | Mass in English |
| 12.00noon | Mass in Polish |
| 5.30pm | Mass in Vietnamese |

Boxing Day (26 Dec)

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| 7.30am | Mass in English |
| 12.00noon | Mass in Polish |
| 5.30pm | Mass in Vietnamese |

New Year (1 Jan 2019)

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| 9.30am | Mass in English |
| 12.00noon | Mass in Polish |
| 5.30pm | Mass in Vietnamese |

Mass Schedule St James' Church

Christmas Eve (24 Dec)

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| 8.30pm | Carols in English |
| 9.00pm | Mass in English |

Christmas Day (25 Dec)

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| 10.30am | Mass in English |
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ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 01/12/18 - 6.00pm Mass

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| Reader: | Graeme Hood |
| Special Ministers: | Mary Burns Martin O'Brien |

Sunday 02/12/18 - 9.30am Mass

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| Reader: | Kaye Hogan |
| Special Ministers: | Maurine Phelan Fatima Lay John Scollo |

Sunday 02/12/18 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 08/12/18 - 6.00pm Mass

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| Reader: | Eugene D'Lazarus |
| Special Ministers: | Jackie Michael Volunteer |

Sunday 09/12/18 - 9.30am Mass

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| Reader: | Mary Ebolo |
| Special Ministers: | Sr. Floriana Lapolla FDZ Fatima Lay Kaye Hogan |

Sunday 09/12/18 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 15/12/18 - 6.00pm Mass

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| Reader: | Stephanie Van Tatenhove |
| Special Ministers: | Volunteer Volunteer |

Sunday 16/12/18 - 9.30am Mass

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| Reader: | Liza Recto |
| Special Ministers: | Sr. Floriana Lapolla FDZ Sr. Tina Lubong FDZ Maurine Phelan |

Sunday 16/12/18 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community