

# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

## of St Ignatius and St James



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**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2018 – THE FOURTH 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:

1<sup>st</sup> 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 25 - Christmas Day

The Gospel stories of Christmas speak of God's love invested in a defenceless new born baby. Through him come salvation, joy and promise of peace for people of good will. This message is always at odds with the news headlines at any Christmastime. These are always full of war, tyranny and the doings of people of bad will.

For many Christians the gentle images of the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem have often clashed with the images of the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The strange beasts of the Book of Revelation joined in cosmic battle before God's ultimate triumph can inspire terror and foreboding that overwhelm the fresh promise of Christ's birth.

The Irish writer W.B Yeats wrote a poem, The Second Coming, at the end of the First World War with its massive slaughter and social change, and at the beginning of Civil War in Ireland. It evokes fear of the loss of any sense of stability and decency. It still speaks powerfully today in the threat we see to democratic institutions and to peaceful relationships between nations.

Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.

Yeats expresses his fear for the future through the symbolism of the Book of Revelation. He portrays his age, not as a Second Coming, but as a Second Birth, as full of menace and chaos as Christ's birth was full of reassurance and humanity: and what rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

In Christian faith neither the domestication of the Christmas stories nor the terrors inspired by the images of the Book of Revelation catch the seriousness of Christmas nor the hope expressed in Christ's Second Coming. The Christmas stories tell of the hardships of travel forced by the Roman authorities in order to collect taxes, of homelessness, and of flight from a murderous tyrant. They remind us that the life promised us will come through Christ's later execution. In Christ God is with us for the long haul, and life comes through death.

For the early Christians, too, Christ's Second Coming of Christ was a source of hope in their reality of persecution and expulsion from their Jewish communities. Christ's second coming speaks about hanging in and trusting that God will triumph in our lives through vulnerability.

The baby in the stable became the man on the cross and the Christ who will come again. The birth, death, Resurrection and second coming of Christ all speak of God's great love for us. For us at Jesuit Communications, who come from many religious and other traditions, our work and our relationships are based in love. Nothing else will keep us hanging in through times that are always testing.

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

Michael Ryan

Hong Anh Nguyen

Mai Đãng

Sue Kunath



## ADVENT PRAYERS

Light of nations, Alleluia,  
Light in darkness, Maranatha!  
Risen Saviour, Alleluia,  
Lord of glory, Maranatha!  
You we long for, Alleluia,  
You we thirst for, Maranatha!  
Here among us, Alleluia,  
Living in us, Maranatha!

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

**Leader:** Come Emmanuel, God's presence among us, our King, Our Judge.

**All:** Save us, Lord, our God.

**Leader:** During the Advent season may Almighty God let the light of His son shine upon us. May he fill our hearts with joy at his coming and lead us to life everlasting.

**All:** Amen.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Is 45:8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## FIRST READING

*Mi 5:1-4*

A reading from the prophet Micah  
*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4*

**(R.)** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Đáp ca:** Lạy Chúa là Thiên Chúa chúng con, xin cho chúng con được phục hồi, xin tỏ thiên nhan hiển từ Chúa ra, hầu cho chúng con được ơn cứu sống.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. 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.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

*Heb 10:5-10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** - “Này tôi là tôi tớ Chúa, tôi xin vâng như lời Thiên thần truyền”. - **Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

*Lk 1:39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

**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 ATIPHON

*Is 7:14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## ST JAMES FLOODING

Dear Parishioners,

I write like to let you know that lately St. James' Church experienced some flooding as the result of the recent storms. There has been some damage to the church building. Although this problem has been attended to, there is more work to be done to fix the problem. At the moment the carpet in some parts of the building is still damp and the air in the building is smelly. I ask for your understanding and hope that you will enjoy all the Masses during the Christmas and New Year period in spite of this inconvenience.

With prayers and best wishes,

Nguyễn Viết Huy SJ

Parish Priest

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Parishioners,

The feast day of Jesus' birth is coming very close. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas, a peaceful and happy New Year. Thank you for being faithful to God. Your faith helps strengthen my faith and, I am sure, the faith of many people. Thank you for your generous support of our parish. May God bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

Nguyễn Viết Huy SJ

Parish Priest

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## THANK YOU RICHMOND

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely thank all parishioners of the Richmond Catholic Parish for their generous contributions to the Christmas gifts this year.

Also the Richmond Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to urge parishioners to join us in assisting the people of our area. Please contact the Parish Office on 8420 6789 for enquires or interest and we will forward your details.

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| <b>ST JAMES' ROSTER:</b>  | <b>23/12/2018</b>       | <b>30/12/2018</b> | <b>06/01/2019</b> | <b>13/01/2019</b> |
| <b>Reader:</b>            | TBA                     | TBA               | TBA               | TBA               |
| <b>Special Ministers:</b> | TBA                     | TBA               | TBA               | TBA               |
|                           | Rita Victor Joseph      | TBA               | TBA               | TBA               |
| <b>EPWORTH'S ROSTER:</b>  | <b>23/12/2018</b>       | <b>30/12/2018</b> | <b>06/01/2019</b> | <b>13/01/2018</b> |
|                           | Lonia Kucma             | Licia Marchese    | NO                | NO                |
|                           | Sr. Catherine Flynn fcJ | Andrea Maule      | COMMUNION         | COMMUNION         |
|                           | Christine Hammett       | Jackie Michael    | MINISTRY          | MINISTRY          |

## RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve (24 Dec)

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 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)

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 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)

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| 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 22/12/18 - 6.00pm Mass**

**Reader:** Jackie Michael  
**Special Ministers:** Lonia Kucma  
Volunteer

### **Sunday 23/12/18 - 9.30am Mass**

**Reader:** Julia Walters  
**Special Ministers:** Sr. Catherine Flynn fcJ  
John Scollo  
Fatima Lay

### **Sunday 23/12/18 - 5.30pm Mass**

**Reader & Special Ministers:** Vietnamese Community

### **Saturday 29/12/18 - 6.00pm Mass**

**Reader:** Marlon D'Souza  
**Special Ministers:** Graeme Hood  
Volunteer

### **Sunday 30/12/18 - 9.30am Mass**

**Reader:** Liza Recto  
**Special Ministers:** Sr. Floriana Lapolla FDZ  
Sr. Tina Lubong FDZ  
Volunteer

### **Sunday 30/12/18 - 5.30pm Mass**

**Reader & Special Ministers:** Vietnamese Community

### **Saturday 05/01/19 - 6.00pm Mass**

**Reader:** Eugene D'Lazarus  
**Special Ministers:** Volunteer  
Volunteer

### **Sunday 06/01/19 - 9.30am Mass**

**Reader:** Julia Walters  
**Special Ministers:** Sr. Catherine Flynn fcJ  
John Scollo  
Fatima Lay

### **Sunday 06/01/19 - 5.30pm Mass**

**Reader & Special Ministers:** Vietnamese Community