

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH of St Ignatius and St James



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SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2019 - 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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

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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.

Scripture Commentary

Jeremiah declares that his call from God was prophetic in nature. His vocation was his destiny even before he was born. His entire identity took shape within him even as he was formed in his mother's womb. Jeremiah is told to get ready to proclaim the word of the Lord. This was not going to be an easy task, but God will fortify him as one would fortify a city. The passage ends with words of encouragement. His adversaries will not prevail against the prophet, because the Lord will be with him. There is no promise here of deliverance from the onslaughts. The promise is that Jeremiah will not be crushed by them.

The responsorial psalm opens with a plea for deliverance from distress: protect me; save me from shame; rescue me; hear me. This is followed by a prayer of confidence in God. Different kinds of rock are used to characterise the trustworthiness of God. The psalm ends with a promise to make known the wonders that God has wrought. The psalmist trusted God even while in the womb. As the psalmist had called on the righteousness of God at the beginning of the prayer (v.2), so that same righteousness is proclaimed at the end. It is the righteousness of God that is the basis of the psalmist's confidence.

Paul's praise of love is one of the best known biblical passages. In the reading for last Sunday, Paul insisted that all the gifts that the Spirit bestowed upon individuals functioned for the upbuilding of the community. Today he concentrates on love, the 'more excellent way', the greatest of all spiritual gifts. As beneficial as all the spiritual gifts may be, without love they are nothing. They are useful now, while we are still in this world. However, at the end of this world, their usefulness will come to an end and they will cease to be. Love, on the other hand, will never cease to be.

The Scripture to which Jesus refers announced the eschatological age of fulfilment. It provides a glimpse into the kind of messiah that Jesus will be, namely one who will refashion society for the sake of the oppressed. The response of those in the synagogue who heard Jesus is curious. At first they speak highly of him and are amazed at his words, but later in the episode they drive him out of the city to the brow of a hill to hurl him down. Jesus is not accepted by his people because he preaches that he has come not merely for this people, but for any who will open themselves to his teaching. This response gives us a second insight into the kind of messiah Jesus will be. Not only will he fulfill the role of the prophet who announces the advent of the age of fulfilment, but he will also be rejected, as were the other prophets.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Nell Phelan

Vince Phelan

Madeleine Brooks

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nifai Hi

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

(Đ) Miệng con sẽ loan truyền sự Chúa công minh.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;

for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother’s womb you have been my help. (R.)

4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lạy Chúa, lời Chúa là thần trí và là sự sống; Chúa có lời ban sự sống.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Church in Australia will have a Plenary Council in 2020. It is an assembly or meeting of bishops to discuss very important issues regarding the Church. These meetings do not happen very often and the laity is not usually involved. However, this time we have all been given the opportunity to contribute. The theme of this Plenary Council is "What do you think God is asking of us at this time in Australia?"

Toward the end of November last year, parishioners gathered for the first time to explore how we, as a Parish, might respond to this question. It was decided that the conversation concerning this theme should be held in small groups. Now it is time for us to come together for the second time, as a Parish Community, to share with one another the fruits of our conversation and prepare to submit the result to the Council.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come to the meeting on

**Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm
in the Mary MacKillop Chapel, St Ignatius Church.**

Transportation will be available to those in need. If you cannot come to this second meeting, you or your group can submit the fruits of your conversation online directly.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au or visit: <https://www.cam.org.au/plenary>

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ST JAMES' ROSTER:	03/02/2019	10/02/2019	17/02/2019	24/02/2019
Reader:	Anna Carli	Joseph Sleigh	Beryl Miller	Sister Hilary
Special Ministers:	Kim Power Sister Hilary	Thuy Bui Jonathon Rush	Bernadette Pell Val Flynn	Kim Power Beryl Miller
EPWORTH'S ROSTER:	03/02/2019	10/02/2019	17/02/2019	24/02/2019
	Beryl Miller Helen Gannon Sr Cielo Tanio FDZ	Lonia Kucma Sr. C. Flynn fcJ Christine Hammett	Licia Marchese, Andrea Maule, Jackie Michael	Catryn Tuckwell, Arminda Barry Aneetha Vazhappilly

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has declared 8th February to be the World Day of Prayer Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church.

He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of Trafficked People.

St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

You are encouraged by the ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in your parish and school communities.

A vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at **7.30pm on Thursday 7th February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare an hour each week to visit a newly arrived refugee or migrant and help them learn English and settle in Australia?

Tutors work one on one with students, individually or in small groups if you'd like to work as a team. We have isolated people across Melbourne who need your help. Melbourne AMEP is currently seeking volunteers. Free training and support provided, beginning in February.

If you are interested in being part of our team, having a rewarding new experience and learning about a new culture, visit www.melbourneamep.com.au/volunteer/ or contact us on 9269 1514 or email amepvts@melbournepolytechnic.com.au.

ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 02/02/19 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Marlon D'Souza
Special Ministers: Maurine Phelan
Graeme Hood

Sunday 03/02/19 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Mary Ebolo
Special Ministers: Sr. Tina Lubong FDZ
Sr. Floriana Lapolla FDZ
Mary Ebolo

Sunday 03/02/19 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 09/02/19 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Brian Gibson
Special Ministers: Volunteer
Volunteer

Sunday 10/02/19 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Kaye Hogan
Special Ministers: Sr. Catherine Flynn fcJ
Fatima Lay
John Scollo

Sunday 10/02/19 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 16/02/19 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Stephanie Van Tatenhove
Special Ministers: Lonია Kucma
Martin O'Brien

Sunday 17/02/19 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Liza Recto
Special Ministers: Sr Floriana Lapolla FDZ
Sr Tina Lubong FDZ
Kaye Hogan

Sunday 17/02/19 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community