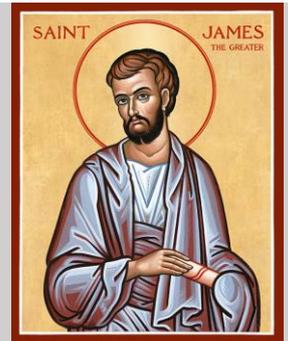


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ST IGNATIUS' CHURCH

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Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)
7.00pm (Polish)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick
1st Friday of the Month

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Please contact Parish office.

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By appointment

Weddings

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“May the Birth of Christ renew you in God’s Love and may you share that Love with your family and with your loved ones”.
Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2021 Richmond Catholic Parish Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Day – St Ignatius

English – 9:30am

Vietnamese – 10:45am

Polish – 12pm

Christmas Day – St James

Mass – 9:30am

New Year Day – Saturday 1 January 2022

Vietnamese Mass – 10.30am

Combined English and Polish Mass – 12.00pm

There will be no 6pm Vigil Mass

on the 25 Dec. 2021 & 1 Jan. 2022

- ✓ Face masks are mandated indoors at Places of Worship.
- ✓ QR check-ins: Remember to check in everywhere every time using the Service Victoria app.

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.

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 hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

MEDITATION ON GOD’S LOVE

“We are not called to be successful, but faithful.”

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

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

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of
God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to
our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he
has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit
everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the
radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining
the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed
the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title
which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become
your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when
he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God
worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1:1-5. 9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his
glory.*

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,

he lived among us.

And we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

See last page.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

December 25: Christmas Day

This year many people are approaching Christmas Day both with longing and a little hesitation. For two years the things that we take for granted at Christmas have been under threat. Family gatherings and reunions have been limited by restrictions. So have the buying of gifts, travel over holiday time, and gatherings at the beach. This year it is easy to feel the pull between going back with greater enthusiasm to what we did before and the desire, fuelled by the discoveries we have made during the lockdowns, to find new and perhaps more simple ways of celebrating Christmas.

We all have our memories of past Christmases - some of joy, of conviviality, of generous excess, and others of sadness, disappointment and rancour. They reflect the joys and sorrows, the generosity and the meanness, the simplicity and the complexity of our lives. The original Christmas stories, too, are marked by human simplicity in the face of imposed complexity. In Luke's Gospel the main actors are a young couple walking to a distant town, focused all the while on the coming birth of their child. They are making this uncomfortable journey because the Roman Emperor has demanded that they with all their fellow countrymen register for taxation purposes. The overcrowding of the town caused by the census also means that Jesus' birth takes place in the simplest of surroundings - in a lean-to for cattle. The celebration of the birth also takes place in the field, with its guests a group of notoriously unsociable shepherds and a choir of angels, the simplest of beings.

Matthew's stories of Jesus' birth are also marked by a human simplicity enforced by inhuman complexity. Because King Herod sees the child as a threat to his throne he sends soldiers to kill all children of the baby's age. Joseph and Mary have to leave their home abruptly and make their way to Egypt as refugees. In this story, too, as in Luke's Gospel, their lives are stripped to their bare necessities of love, faithfulness, trust that they will find a way, while waiting for the instructions of angels.

The enforced simplicity of the first Christmas mirrors aspects of life under Covid restrictions. Like the journeys of Mary and Joseph our lives were shaped by the instructions of our lords and masters, by the tightening or loosening of restrictions, and by the effects that these had on travel, on employment, on study and on health. The relative isolation of our lives also offered space to reflect on what matters most to us. At its best it offered the opportunity, as it did to Mary and Joseph, to attend to the detail of their daily lives with all their attendant anxieties and moments of contentment, and to find in the rhythms and texture of life in restriction an invitation to reflect.

Certainly the simplicity which allows us to attend to our world and people is worth building into our celebration of Christmas. Simplicity has less to do with by doing more or eating less than with noticing and appreciating little things more. We attend to the faces of people both when we are speaking and also when they are at rest and their lives are written into their bodies. We listen deeply in conversation. We take time when eating and drinking to appreciate the meal and be grateful for it. We measure the value of the presents we receive by the feeling behind them and not by the price tag.

We also keep in our minds and hearts the faces of the people whom we may not meet this Christmas: people in aged homes, in prisons, homeless on the streets, seeking protection from persecution. These are the people for whom Christ came and whose company he shared as a baby at the first Christmas. They are also the people whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services, whatever may be our beliefs and those of the people whom we serve. The stories of Christmas are central to Christian faith, but they are a gift to everyone to be lived out each in our own way. *Fr Andy Hamilton SJ*

SUN 26TH DEC 2021 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- I. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men,
listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.