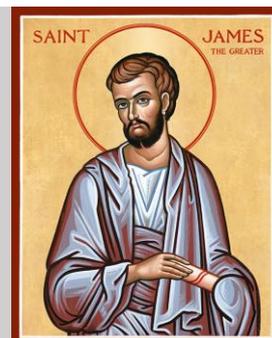


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ST IGNATIUS' CHURCH

326 Church Street,
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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

ST JAMES' CHURCH

162 Kent Street,
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Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office

January 1: New Year's Day

New Years Day is usually a bit like a cheap easter egg. It has a shiny outside but is pretty thin inside. It comes between the ending of the Boxing Day cricket Test and the New Year Test Match, comes shortly after the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, and is preceded by fireworks. All these things are covered by television for the many people on holidays away from home.

This year will be no exception. But for most of us Covid has made a difference. We have made our plans for the New Year with 'ifs' attached. We have become used to crises that cause lockdowns and wreck all our best plans. We do not come to the new year with assurance that things will be as they were before but with a question mark.

The question, too, may lead us to ask more deeply where we wish to go as persons and as a society. During the crisis we had to recognise that we relied on other people to live and to flourish. We had to sacrifice our own desires for freedom to travel where we wanted and to gather with people whenever we wanted in order to protect the health of those who were vulnerable. For many Australians Covid brought challenging experiences of learning and teaching at home, working from home, long periods of unemployment and of uncertainty. These experiences have inevitably made it difficult to plan for the long term and perhaps left us reluctant to return to the previous ways in which we balanced our commitments to work and home. We have asked ourselves what we want most deeply and what matters to us.

This new year is also overshadowed by large events, both present and future. We have seen the Climate summit in Glasgow. However we might rate its effectiveness, we have surely heard its stark warning about the consequence for our children of not addressing seriously climate change as a priority. We live also in the shadow of a coming Federal Election that will inevitably raise questions about how seriously we take climate change, inequality and the other deep challenges that we face in Australia. Our experience of Covid may make us demand seriousness and honesty of our political leaders as they compete for votes. It may also make us impatient with any empty words that lack these qualities.

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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

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'

When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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;

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. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

New Year's Day, continued.....

In the different cultures and religions that have enriched Australian life people emphasise different aspects of New Year. It used to be a time to make good resolutions. Many of us give less attention to this today after noticing how many of our good intentions died a week into the new year. At Jesuit Social Services, however, the New Year refreshes our hopes. Particularly our hope for the people whom we accompany. That next year children will not have to fear being treated as criminals. That Governments may invest heavily to support people in regions marked by disadvantage. That all homes may be free from violence and fear. To have hopes is the first step towards working to make them come true.

In some Asian cultures the New Year is associated with water, where the faults and grime of the old year are washed away and a better life washed in. Water, too, can be used in celebration. People throw water on friends and strangers, washing away social boundaries and the ordinary rituals of deference that go with them. The beginning of the New Year reminds us of our equality when we come into the world and which remains in the eyes of God.

In Australia we have struggled to find ways of celebrating the New Year that bring out its deeper meaning. That may be so because in Christian societies it has been obscured by the celebrations of Christmas. New Year is a time for winding down, not for gearing up to begin the new year. Still, staying up till midnight drinking, and then shouting, lighting fireworks, and tooting horns can seem to lack a bit of seriousness.

However we spend New Year's day we might find it helpful to reflect back on the past year and to ask ourselves what we want of ourselves during the coming year.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

READERS ROSTER

ST IGNATIUS' CHURCH

Saturday 01/01/2022 - 6.00pm
Mass

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Sunday 02/01/2022 - 9.30am
Mass

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Saturday 08/01/2022 - 6.00pm
Mass

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Sunday 09/01/2022 - 9.30am
Mass

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ST JAMES' CHURCH

Sunday 02/01/2022 - 11.00am
Mass

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Sunday 09/01/2022 - 11.00am
Mass

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



Is 'Life to the Full' Possible in the Shadow of Covid-19? (in-person event)

Nicole Rotaru rsm, 3 x Fri, 4, 11 & 18 Mar, 1pm-3pm

Three reflective sessions, participants will have the opportunity to engage in: • sharing experiences of how Covid has impacted your living and working; • naming the fears and hopes you are holding now that we have moved beyond Lockdowns; • recognising what will be most life-giving for you into the future.

The sessions will include: group sharing, poetry, music, song, input and opportunities to explore and express your experience using words, colour, shape, images.

Cost: \$30 per session or \$75 for the series

Please book and pay at least one week in advance for all Seminars and Reflection events. This can be done by credit card via tel 03 9890 1101, www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne

NOTICE

This is to inform that Fr Trung Nguyen SJ will be away from 4-11 January 2022. Masses will be as usual. If you have any urgent matter please contact Licia Marchese on 03 8420 6789

SEEKING PARISHIONERS TO VOLUNTEER TO BE READERS FOR MASSES AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time to be Readers at St. Ignatius Church and St. James Church.

St. Ignatius Church is asking for parishioners to volunteer to be Readers during the month January, 2022 at the following Parish Masses:

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9.30am Sunday Mass

PERMANENT READERS FOR 2022.

We are also seeking volunteers to be Readers for Parish Masses throughout 2022.

If you are able to volunteer for either or both of the above, please contact the Parish Office on 8420 6789

HEART OF LIFE

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is an online (via Zoom) one-year, part-time program and will be a mix of selected Thursday evenings, Saturdays, and a 3-day Intensive. It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in March 2022, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The closing date for applications for the Spiritual Leaders Program is 28 January 2022. Places are limited and so we encourage applications as early as possible. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants.

Brochure and application format

www.heartoflife.melbourne

or tel 03 9890 1101.