



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

of St Ignatius and St James

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SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,
 RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 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

Sunday: 10.30am

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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.

March 10: Anniversary of Bombing of Tokyo

When we think of the horrors of war our minds often turn to the nuclear bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Each of these bombs caused many tens of thousands of casualties. Beside the destructive power of those two bombs the horror of other weapons seems to fall into insignificance.

On March 10, however, we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Tokyo in which over 170 planes stacked with incendiary weapons killed an estimated 100,000 people - more than those killed by either of the nuclear weapons. So large a number of people died because the bombing targeted a very highly populated residential section of Tokyo in which workers and their families lived in flimsy and flammable houses highly vulnerable to firestorms. It was technically a very successful operation, causing many deaths, many casualties and massive homelessness, with the loss of only a few planes.

As we reflect on the bombing today it is hard not to be overwhelmed by sadness at the wound to our common humanity that is exposed in it. That so much human planning, such ingeniousness in the making and deploying of weapons, such careful calculation of the effect of napalm and phosphorous on wood, paper and human flesh, and so much relentlessness in the starting, feeding and renewing of fires, should be expended for the destruction of women, children and men and as a demonstration of the power to kill, makes us ask what kind of human beings could do such things.

It is easy today to avert our eyes from the wars in which we are indirectly involved and from the human suffering that they cause. The killing and displacement of people in Syria and Libya and the refusal of nations whose proxies fight the war to take responsibility for the victims, don't pass the fence of our attention. Contemplating the sadness of war threatens our peace of mind. Accepting the horrors of war as strategically necessary or as none of our business, however, risks corroding our humanity. As we recall the Bombing of Tokyo we are invited to ask if we would have as readily dedicated ourselves to the killing and devastation of so many people, and would as carelessly have accepted its necessity.

Recognising the ability of war to dull our moral sensitivity might also make us reflect on how we allow the metaphor of war to shape our thinking about other aspects of human life. War presupposes that we have enemies, face a dire threat to our own lives, and are ready to damage our enemy.

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.

OUR PRIESTS

Fr Huy Nguyen Viet SJ PP
 Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

* "The greatest mistake is to think you are too strong to fall into temptation. Put your finger in the fire and it will burn. So we have to go through the fire."

* "If we are humble, nothing will change us, neither praise, nor discouragement."

* "Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."

* "I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

(Đ) Xin đổ tình thương xuống chúng con, lạ Chúa,
như chúng con hằng trông cậy nơi Ngài.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

Từ đám mây sáng chói, tiếng Chúa Cha phán rằng:

Đây là Con yêu dấu, làm vui lòng Ta,

hãy vâng nghe lời Người.

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Heart of Life

'Spirituality of Human Life Stages', 'Discernment', 'The Human Experience of God' and other seminars and reflection days are soon to begin at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation at its new premises in Malvern. For more information and bookings, visit www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Events in the Clare Valley to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first chaplain to the Polish community in Australia

On 7 April 1870, a Polish Jesuit, Fr Leon Rogalski SJ arrived in South Australia as chaplain to the growing Polish community in the region. He was the country's first chaplain to the Polish expatriate community and one of the first and quite possibly the first, dedicated migrant chaplain in Australia.

The Federation of Polish Organisations in South Australia along with the Polish Hill River Church Museum Committee invites descendants of these early Polish settlers back to the Clare Valley on the weekend of 20 and 21 March to join them, the Polish community, the Clare Valley Community, Polish Migrant Chaplains, Jesuits and dignitaries to remember these early pioneers and celebrate the anniversary of the arrival of their pastor.

For more information visit:

<http://polishfederation.org.au/pilgrimage.pdf>

March 10: Anniversary of Bombing of Tokyo, Continued.....

It also invites a fascination with the weapons of war, the willingness to do what it takes to win and to allow the goal to justify any means to achieve it. It silences moral reflection.

For this reason governments are always tempted to militarise their policies – to wage war against asylum seekers, to turn immigration officials into a Border Force, fishermen into pirates, and to cite operational reasons as the excuse for keeping secret the shameful things that are done in the name of the nation.

The Bombing of Tokyo took place 75 years ago. But in remembering it we are drawn back to consider our own society and to ask how far we respect the humanity of each person, including those we have come to see as enemies.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

FR MICHAEL SMITH SJ

On the front page of our parish bulletin, under the heading OUR PRIESTS recently appeared the name Fr Michael Smith SJ. Michael is a member of the Jesuit Community in Richmond. His responsibility is to teach at the Jesuit Spirituality College in Parkville and elsewhere. He is also responsible for some other duties on the Province level. He will help in the parish whenever he has time. However, he is not an assistant priest in our parish.

A Lenten Retreat 2020

Come and experience a different way of praying with weekly guidance using the First Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Lenten retreat will commence Monday 2nd March 2020, and will continue for a further four Monday evenings, 9th, 16th 23rd, 30th, March 2020 from 7pm-8.30pm in the **Chapel at St Ignatius Church Richmond.**

See notice board for further information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The custom of walking the Stations of the Cross in a church is a revered devotion, which has its origins in the early Christian pilgrimages to the holy places of Jerusalem. During Lent, you are warmly invited to join the Richmond Catholic Parish's Stations of the Cross. Details:

7.30pm at St Ignatius (English)

3 Thursday Evenings

12 Mar, 19 Mar, 26 Mar 2020

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ST JAMES' ROSTER:	08/03/2020	15/03/2020	22/03/2020	29/03/2020
Reader:	Margaret Gibson	Shane Healy	Tui	Kim Power
Special Ministers:	Kim Power Val Flynn	Jonathon Rush Connie Piero	Connie Piero Thuy Bui	Michael Zimmerman Joseph Gauci
EPWORTH'S ROSTER:	08/03/2020	15/03/2020	22/03/2020	29/03/2020
	Lonia Kucma Janice Scarinci Licia Marchese	- Joey Seliski Licia Marchese	Andrea Maule Catryn Tuckwell Sr C Tanio FDZ	Sr C Flynn fcJ Helen Gannon Janice Scarinci

PLEASE PRAY FOR

SICK: Kate Tynan, Paula Stuart, Darryl Stanton, Freda Paul, Margaret Jansen, Maria Paloglou, Bridget Moriarty, Peter West, Sue Kunath, Declan Ferguson, Michael Ryan, Mai D ang, Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly, Grace Muller-Grecia, Elaine Soriano and Gail Sleigh, Elvira Narciso Dayrit, Teddy Villanueva

RECENTLY DECEASED: Henrico Nguyen Hong Anh

Lenten Pilgrimage

The Dominican friars invite you to join them for the traditional 7 Churches Lenten Pilgrimage on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (4th April). Commencing at 10:00am at St Dominic's, East Camberwell and concluding at St Francis', Melbourne City. This pilgrimage of around 16km will honour the journey of Our Lord up to Jerusalem before Palm Sunday.

Please RSVP by 28th March: sebastian.condon@op.org.au

Aid to the Church in need

Easter Cards are now available for purchase from Aid to the Church in Need. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes. Prices: First packet \$23 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15 each. The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself. Order over the phone: 1800 101 201 or online: www.aidtochurch.org.

Rise 2020 A one-day Catholic Youth festival

Saturday 21st March, at Emmaus College, 503 Springvale Rd, Vermont South from 10am to 6.00pm. Ticket purchases can be made via the RISE website \$20 early bird price applies until 6th March.

If you have any questions, Please do contact the team at risemelb@gmail.com Further information can be found on the website: www.risemelbourne.com

ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 07/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Gabrielle Keenan

Sunday 08/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Kaye Hogan

Sunday 08/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 14/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Graeme Hood

Sunday 15/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Clement Deug

Sunday 15/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 21/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Eugene D'Lazarus

Sunday 22/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Graeme Hood

Sunday 22/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT

Fr Frank Moloney SDB

16 – 19 March

Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospels of Holy Week and Easter at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre.

Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation)

Further information and registration:

Contact Candy 9752 2432 or

e-mail: dbrclysterfield@gmail.com