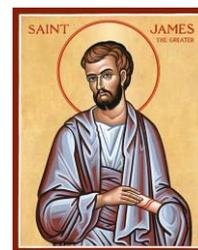


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

**RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH
OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES**

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**ST IGNATIUS
CHURCH**

326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

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,
NORTH RICHMOND, VIC 3121

Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office



**24.7 SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY**

IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

LORD...Teach us to PRAY!

Lk 11:1-13

LITURGICAL DURING THIS WEEK

- ❖ Mon 25 Jul: Saint James, Apostle
- ❖ Tues 26 Jul: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
- ❖ Friday 29 Jul: Saint Martha (Memorial)
- ❖ Sat 30 Jul: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS SUNDAY 31 JULY

The Richmond Catholic Parish will be celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius on Sunday 31 July.

Mass will be celebrated by our Parish Priest, Fr. Trung Nguyen, SJ and con-celebrated with some of his Jesuit brothers.

On this weekend there will be only one Parish Mass celebrated, being the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Therefore, for this weekend the following Masses, will not be celebrated:

- 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Ignatius
- 11.00am Sunday Mass at St. James
- 4.00pm Sunday Vietnamese Mass.

To continue the celebration, we are asking parishioners to contribute to some light refreshments, such cakes, sandwiches & the like to share with each other in the parish hall after Mass.

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

Also on Sunday 31 July, 21 students from our Parish, will be celebrating their First Eucharist at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. We ask that you keep these students and their families in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

**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**

*"I can do things you
cannot, you can do
things I cannot;
together we can do
great things."*

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 [Gen 18:20-32](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.'

'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING

[Col 2:12-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Rom 8:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

[Lk 11:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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 Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on July 24 this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year’s celebration is “In old age they will still bear fruit”, taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis’ message at www.catholic.org.au/grandparents



Pope Francis to the elderly: ‘Be artisans of the revolution of tenderness!’

Last year, Pope Francis established World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, a day to remind everybody that ‘old age is a gift’ and that the elderly are not to be forgotten. This year’s message takes its cue from the psalmist who writes that the righteous will ‘flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old’ (Psalm 92:14–15).

The idea of ‘still bearing fruit’ when we are old ‘runs counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life,’ Pope Francis says. Rather than seeing old age as something we must approach with ‘grim resignation’ or harbouring ‘few expectations’, the Bible sees the elderly as ‘a living sign of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance’.

‘Blessed is the house where an old person lives!’ he says. ‘Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!’

We should resist the subtle temptations that come with the modern world, the temptations to leave the elderly behind or make them feel they should be left behind:

The fast pace of the world—with which we struggle to keep up—seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless.

What the Bible invites us to consider, however, is that ageing ‘is not a condemnation, but a blessing!’

Do not lower the sails!

Pope Francis laments the fact that even though we ‘expend large sums on this stage of life,’ we fail to help people ‘understand and appreciate it’, offering ‘healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full’.

Though the body declines and our strength ebbs in old age, he says, it is ‘no time to give up and lower the sails’. Instead, old age invites us into a ‘new mission’ and ‘bids us look to the future.’

He encourages people to try to remain as physically active as possible in their later years, but also suggests, more importantly, that people remain spiritually active:

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READERS ROSTER

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

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| Saturday 23/07/2022 5.00pm Mass | Marlon D'Souza | Sunday 24/07/2022 9.30am Mass | Sr Barbara Brown-Graham FCJ |
| Saturday 30/07/2022 5.00pm Mass | No Mass this week | Sunday 31/07/2022 9.30am Mass | Margaret Gibson |

ST JAMES CHURCH

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| Sunday 24/7/2022 11.00am Mass | Thuy Nguyen | Sunday 31/07/2022 11.00am Mass | No Mass this week |
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COLLECTION – 16/7/22 & 17/7/22

| <i>St Ignatius & St James</i> | |
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| Thanksgiving Envelope | \$435.90 |
| Loose Collection | \$1709.95 |

Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Archbishop Comensoli's letter to the faithful reflects on the Plenary Council

“ To all of Christ's Faithful in the Archdiocese of Melbourne Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Last week, the second and final Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia took place. A week-long gathering of nearly three hundred faithful – laity, religious, clergy and bishops, it was the culmination of a nation-wide process of listening, discernment and dialogue that began over twenty years ago when the Australian Bishops first considered how to take up the call of St John Paul II to “put out into the deep” (Novo Millennio Ineunte). Closer to our own time, our Holy Father Pope Francis has also urged us to live more radically the Christian life of closeness with the Lord, the poor and each other, drawing on his call for a more synodal Church.

The Assembly was the fruit of these many years of prayer, reflection, conversation and consideration which took place in small groups and large, among the diverse members of the Church in Australia. At the Second Assembly, members of the Plenary Council were presented with a summary of this discernment – in the form of eight themes and 37 motions to consider. The process of the Assembly followed a very specific format, involving two forms of voting on motions: a vote taken by consultative members and a deliberative vote by the Bishop-members. Motions were passed after achieving at least a two-thirds majority...”

[For full content and to read the letter, please visit https://melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishops-letter-to-the-faithful-reflects-on-the-plenary-council](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishops-letter-to-the-faithful-reflects-on-the-plenary-council)

Pope Francis to the elderly: ‘Be artisans of the revolution of tenderness!’

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We ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren ... These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us.

The vocation of old age: artisans of a revolution

Pope Francis encourages grandparents and the elderly to become part of the ‘revolution of tenderness’ he wishes to see in the world. ‘Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization,’ he says, ‘that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is a bread we break together.’

He observes that the elderly have the opportunity to be ‘teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive of those in greatest need’. Sometimes this attitude is ‘mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth.’ Pope Francis offers an invitation to everyone walking through old age:

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the **revolution of tenderness** in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer.

Finally, he calls upon the intercession of the Mother of God to help us embrace this vocation: ‘Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.’

FAMILY PRAYER

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,
Wearing love into our work,
Our rest, and our play.
Amen.

