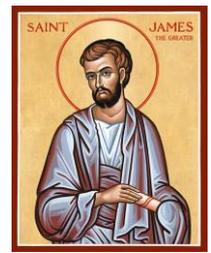


FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**27.11.22 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- YEAR A**

**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

**TRINITY CATHOLIC
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Wedding

Contact Parish Office



The Lord is coming
when we least expect.



PREPARATION FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

- 14/12/2022 7.00pm- 9.00pm**
Advent Reflection with Fr. Andy Bullen SJ.
This will be held in the Parish Hall (big kitchen area), followed by Reconciliation.
- 17/12/2022 7.30pm**
Carols Evening with the Parish's English and Vietnamese Choirs and the Polish Choir.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE:

- St. Ignatius** 6.00pm Family Mass with Reflective Christmas Music beginning at 5.30pm.
 8.00pm Vietnamese Mass
 10.00pm Polish Mass
 11.30pm Christmas Carols (English)
 12.00pm Mid-Night Mass (English)
- St. James** 8.30pm Christmas Carols
 9.00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:

- St. Ignatius** Masses as per normal Sunday times.
- St. James 9.00am Mass**

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Masses as per normal in both St. Ignatius Church and St. James Church

*A Jesuit Parish
Our Mission*

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

*“Teach us to give
and not to count
the cost.”*

**– Ignatius of
Loyola**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING

Is 2: 1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!’

4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 13: 11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84: 8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24: 37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready..

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Word 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 84: 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

NOV 30: FEAST OF ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

By Fr. Andy Hamilton SJ

When I was very young, I thought it a mixed blessing to be named Andrew. With my brothers named John and Peter, I was pleased that St Andrew was often mentioned in the Gospels, but he always seemed to be a second-class Saint. Peter and John were part of Jesus's closest circle of friends. Andrew was on the outside – willing, but always missing out on the top jobs.

Now I like St Andrew for precisely the same reasons. In Mark's Gospel he is Peter's brother and is called to follow Jesus with Him. John's Gospel describes him as a disciple of John the Baptist who follows Jesus and introduces Peter to him. Both Peter and Andrew are described as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Andrew is sometimes the go-to man among the Apostles. He helps out Jesus who wants to feed 5,000 people by telling him that a boy has a few fish and loaves of bread. Philip asks him to let Jesus know that some Greeks want to see him. And he is mentioned by name among gatherings of Jesus' chosen disciples at the Last Supper and at other times.

Unlike Peter and John, Andrew disappears from the Scriptures after Pentecost. But in some of the many early Christian writings that were not admitted into the

Scriptures, Andrew is a key figure, and many of the stories told about him led to his becoming a patron saint of many cities and regions. One collection of stories of his preaching the Gospel said that he preached and was executed on an X shaped Cross in Patras in Greece. The early stories of St Andrew also tell of his journeys and preaching in Thrace and Scythia, that included modern Eastern Europe and the country around the Black Sea. When those regions became Christian, St Andrew became the patron Saint of the Slavic nations, including Ukraine.

The subsequent stories about Andrew show how important the relics of the Saints have been in the life of the Catholic Church. The Church at Patras claimed to have his body. After Constantinople became the Capital of the Roman Empire, its people believed that St Andrew preached there and was its first Bishop. He became the Patron Saint of Constantinople and its Church. A later Emperor brought the relics of St Andrew from Patras to Constantinople. His skull was later repatriated to Patras. When the Muslim armies threatened Greece, the skull was sent to the Pope in Rome for safe keeping. After the Vatican Council with its emphasis on Church Unity, Pope Paul VI returned the skull to Patras. The relics of St Andrew floated on the currents of Catholic history.

He was also made the patron Saint of many European nations, including Cyprus and Malta. In Scotland medieval stories tell of the providential arrival of relics of the Saint, and of a ninth century ruler who went to battle encouraged by the sight of clouds in the form of an X shaped Cross. He had St Andrew's cross put on their battle standards. He won; the distinctive cross decorated the the flower of Scotland, and continues to be part of the Union Jack.

In this way St Andrew was made part of the history of many Churches, and his story extended beyond the New Testament. Everywhere he has remained a go-to saint.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent from the Latin means, "Coming". This is the coming of Jesus into the World.
 The Advent Season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's Birth.
 The use of the Advent Wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding tradition.
 The wreath and the candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season.
 The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God.
 The four candles, which represent the four weeks of Advent, also have their own special significance.
 The first, which is purple, symbolizes **HOPE**, at the coming of the Messiah.
 The second, also purple, symbolizes **FAITH**.
 The third, which is pink, symbolizes **JOY**. It reminds us of the joy in the birth of Christ.
 The fourth purple candle, which is called the "Angel's Candle" is lit in the final week of Advent and symbolizes **PEACE**. It reminds us of the message of the angels. "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."
 The White Candle in the middle of the wreath is lit on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to everyone for completing the Parish's Update Census Form. We have had a wonderful response. If you have not completed the form, is it available on the Parish website: www.ignatius.org.au or collect a copy from the Parish Office.



MAGIS
 2023 PORTUGAL
 CREATING A HOPE-FILLED FUTURE

Magis Program & World Youth Day Lisbon- 2023

Magis is the world gathering organised by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), which brings together young people from countries around the world for an Ignatian program prior to World Youth Day. Join other Australians with The Cardoner Network, the Jesuit's Australian ministry for young adults, for these days full of experiences and activities, which help to celebrate faith and service in a space of sharing and prayer.

• MAGIS: FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD •

Dates: 22 - 31 July (Magis);
 1 - 6 August (World Youth Day - WYD)
 Cost: 485 Euros for combined Magis/WYD Program (airfares not included)
 Participants: 18-30 year olds
 Registration closes: 31st March 2023
 For more details: www.magis2023.org
 Or contact: Julian Butler SJ - jbutler@sjasl.org.au



FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

- ❖ Mon 30/11 St Andrew the Apostle
- ❖ Sat 3/12 St Francis Xavier, SJ

READERS ROSTER

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

Saturday 26/11/22	Peter Keogh	Sunday 27/11/22 9:30am Mass	Sr Barbara Brown-Graham fcj
Saturday 3/12/22	Martin O'Brien	Sunday 4/12/22 9:30am Mass	Julian Galalowicz

ST JAMES CHURCH

Sunday 27/11/2022 11.00am Mass	Greg Strange	Sunday 27/11/2022 11.00am Mass	Stephen Game
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COLLECTION
19/11/22 & 20/11/22

ST IGNATIUS & ST JAMES CHURCHES

Thanksgiving Envelope	\$156.75
Loose Collection	\$1607.40