

FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

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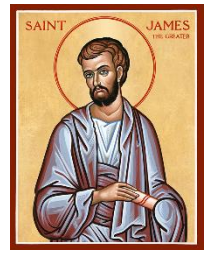
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

**ST JAMES CHURCH**

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VIC 3121

**Mass Times**

Sunday: 11.00am

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Please contact Parish office.

**Reconciliation**

By appointment

**Wedding**

Contact Parish Office

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*I am the way, the truth,  
and the life.*

Jn 14:1-12



**MAY: THE MONTH OF  
MARY**

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary,” came into being. Also called, “Lady Month,” the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn’t always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary’s Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.  
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**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.*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## 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 *Acts 6:1-7*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22*

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

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

2. For 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.)

3. 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.)

## SECOND READING *1 Pt 2:4-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL *Jn 14:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

### **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,  
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** *Cf. Jn 15:1,5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### **MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY** *(Continue)*

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning. But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes - our domestic churches - we participate more fully in the life of the Church. If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

### **POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY** **For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

At first hearing Pope Francis' prayer intentions may often seem to be rebukes. They invite a change of life or a rediscovery of something that has been lost. In his prayer intention for May, he asks Church groups to rediscover their mission of evangelisation. That this is not a rebuke of church movements and groups for losing the plot, however, is shown by his prayer that they will rediscover their mission every day. In his world life involves constantly finding, losing and rediscovering God's calling to us. We are sinners delighting to find God's mercy and constantly called to follow Jesus in sharing God's love. Our mission is a journey not a settled town.

Pope Francis also suggests the journey when he describes the mission as one of evangelisation. The Greek roots of this word mean Good Newsing,

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## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY

### For church movements and groups

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Evangelisation is not an occupation or a domestic task.

It involves going out from our homes and from where we are at home in order to reach new people with the Good News. And of course sharing the Good News does not always, or even most often, involve using words, as St Francis of Assisi is said to have claimed. We look first for Good News first on people's faces, and we test whether what we see there is indeed Good News, by examining how they live. A person who smiles while answering our questions brings Good News. So does the sight of someone walking the streets each night on their Vinnies run. If we put on our prune face and look our bad-smell look people will find It hard to see there God's good news of love and forgiveness.

It does require daily reflection and attentiveness to return each day to our mission of evangelization. In the case of church movements and groups the need to do so is perhaps particularly pressing. Pope Francis has himself been busy in recent years trying to clean up the mess when church movements or their leaders forget their mission to go out to spread the Gospel, and instead concentrate on their internal life and their desires. Many gifted and attractive leaders of religious groups have been discovered to be abusive, exploitative and authoritarian in their relationships to vulnerable members of the groups. Some groups, too, have focused narrowly on their own perfection rather than on the needs of those whom they serve. Although the recent revelations do not cancel out the good that the group members may have done, they occasion much suffering and self-doubt to people within or dependent on the groups.

For this reason Pope's insistence on looking outwards to evangelization is particularly important. He strengthens his message by saying that they should place their charisms at the service meeting needs. In any Christian group there will be a distinctive spirit – ways of praying, favourite devotions and scriptural texts and stories of their founders and significant members that colour the group and the way in which it sees the world. These can become moth-eaten if they are focused simply on the inner life of the group. Pope Francis insists that they must be exercised in relationships to the world outside which Jesus came to save.

### ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES COLLECTION WEEK 29-30 APRIL 2023

Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$688
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### READERS' ROSTER

#### ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

<b>Saturday</b> 06/05/23 5.00pm Mass	Marlon D'Souza	<b>Sunday</b> 07/05/23 9.30am Mass	Sr. Helen Buckley, fcj
<b>Saturday</b> 13/05/2023 5.00pm Mass	Julia Walters	<b>Sunday</b> 14/05/2023 9.30am Mass	Kaye Hogan

#### ST JAMES CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b> 07/05/23 11.00am Mass	Shane Healy	<b>Sunday</b> 14/05/2023 11.00am Mass	Stephen Game
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