

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

of St Ignatius and St James



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SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,
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Mass Times

Daily:

12 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,
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VIC 3121

Mass Times:

Sunday: 10.30am

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World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

The threat of coronavirus has stretched Western societies in many ways, and has taken them in different directions. It has first forced them to broaden their view of the relationships that are central in a good society. Previously we had tacitly accepted the view that the most important and untouchable relationships have to do with the economy – growing the GNP, making profit and protecting individuals' wealth.

When confronted with the threat to life and health posed by coronavirus, that assumption changed suddenly. When governments shut down the economy in order to distance people from one another, they stated clearly that our most crucial relationships were those to do with the health and life of the weakest members of society. In order to protect the whole community, people for the most part cheerfully accepted the limitations placed on their personal and economic freedom. They saw themselves as members of a community responsible to one another, not as individuals competing with one another.

At the same time, however, many societies, including our own, have experienced hostility to different groups in society. The crisis has narrowed relationships as some have been cut. In Australia some Chinese students and families have been abused and attacked as if they were responsible for the virus. Social media, too, has developed patterns of exclusion. Some people respond to misfortune by seeking scapegoats who can be expelled from the society and so purify the relationships that constitute it. Instead of diversity of cultures they seek an ideal purity and unity.

This year the special day to celebrate cultural diversity is timely because we are now preparing to face many questions about what kind of a society we want to build as the virus is contained. These questions will test our openness to diversity in our relationships and our resistance to cries to perpetuate divisions.

During the early stages of the epidemic people have felt that all of us were in this together. It would be a pity if we returned to endorse in our societies imagined divisions between leaners and lifters, contributors and consumers, white and black, Christian and Muslim, as if these labels marked the difference between good and bad, Australian and not-Australian. Our economic and political settings should not make these distinctions a ground for inclusion or exclusion, praise or abuse. They should see them as an index of resource and possibility.

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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.

PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

Fr Huy Nguyen Viet SJ PP

Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

* "You are greater than you know."

* "God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try."

* "God has created us to love and to be loved, and this is the beginning of prayer-to know that He loves me, that I have been created for greater things."

* "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

* "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love."

Mother Teresa

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will

come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

(Đ) Thiên Chúa ngự lên, rộn rã tiếng hò reo, Chúa ngự lên,
vang dội tiếng tù và.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a!
Chúa nói: “Anh em hãy đi giảng dạy cho muôn dân.
Này đây, Thầy ở cùng anh em mọi ngày cho đến tận
thế.”
A-lê-lui-a!

GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

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 ATIPHON

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Richmond Catholic Parish opens churches for Masses

Dear Parishioner,

The Victorian government has eased some COVID19 restrictions statewide from 12th May 2020. This has now enabled small gatherings in places of worship. As a result, Richmond Catholic Parish is re-opening its churches for Masses.

St Ignatius church: Monday to Friday at 12:00 Noon
Saturday at 6:00PM
Sunday at 9:30AM

St James church: Sunday at 11:00AM

Even though the restrictions have been eased, the government has imposed a limit on the number of participants to 10 people for each Mass. Therefore, to comply with the Government restrictions and Archdiocese of Melbourne guidelines, we require Parishioners to register with us to confirm their participation for the Masses.

If you wish to register for a Mass with us, please ring the Parish office on 03 8420 6789 or email parish@ignatius.org.au or register through our website <https://www.ignatius.org.au/news/time-to-reopen-our-churches>.

St Ignatius church open for Private Prayer

From Monday the 25th of May, St. Ignatius Church will be open for private prayer between 11:00AM and 12:00 Noon, Monday to Friday. Please note a limit of 10 people in the Church at a time, this will be monitored.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the Parish during this unprecedented time.

May God Bless you.

(Fr) Huy

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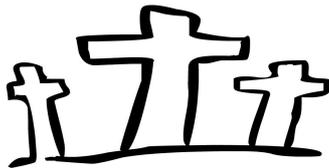
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ST JAMES' ROSTER:	24/05/2020	01/06/2020	08/06/2020	15/05/2020
Reader:	-	-	-	-
Special Ministers:	-	-	-	-

EPWORTH'S ROSTER:	24/05/2020	01/06/2020	08/06/2020	15/06/2020
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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 and Gail Sleigh



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At a deeper level this day to celebrate cultural diversity reminds us of the strength that differences within a society brings. Each person brings to the community distinctive qualities that reflect the different relationships that shape their life. Deep relationships that are embedded in the variety of foods we eat, the range of languages we speak at home and abroad, the feasts we celebrate, the ways in which we pray and embody a generous life, the stories we tell and the books we read – all these are more than individual curiosities. They are a gift in broadening and deepening the network of relationships that shape a nation.

In the people we work with and in our staff at Jesuit Social Services we rejoice in the variety of cultural and religious background we include. Our diversity is a gift, as also it should be seen to be so in Australia.

Cultural diversity day points to the strength of a community that welcomes difference. The hard time that will follow coronavirus should also be a time to focus on respecting one another within our differences.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

Meditation & Mindfulness (Reflection event via Zoom)

(Carol Dyer, B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), PACFA Register 21381, Cert. Spiritual. Direction (Heart of Life, 2008)

Saturday 30 May 2020, 10am-1pm, \$20

As we 'stay at home' and get on with our lives as best we can, there is an invitation to 'come inside' and engage with our activities in a more conscious fashion.

Join us for an opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time.

Whilst we will be using an online platform (Zoom) to gather for this reflection event, rest assured that you will not be spending the three hours in front of your screen!

There will be some input for the purpose of enabling you to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices (that we do on the day) that you can then continue in your daily living.

Upon registering for this event, we will send you some tips to help you to gain the most from your few hours with us in Meditation & Mindfulness.

Bookings: To book for the above event, please click this [link](#) to register and pay via Trybooking. For more information, email us at holsc@bigpond.com

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