



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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

Trinity Catholic Primary School

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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.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

In recent years Mary Magdalene's image has been more sharply drawn in the Catholic Church. She was always prominent, frequently mentioned in the New Testament as a supporter and benefactor of Jesus and his disciples, as present near Jesus cross when he died, and as one of the chief witnesses to the Resurrection. In the Western Church, however, her story became tangled with other stories – those told about Mary the sister of Lazarus and Martha in Bethany, who in John's Gospel were friends of Jesus. Because both Mary of Bethany and an unnamed woman described only as a sinner, are described as pouring oil over Jesus' feet out of love, they were often combined into the single person of Mary, and that Mary came further to be combined with Mary Magdalene. In this way Mary Magdalene became Jesus' benefactor and friend, the pardoned sinner, the sister of Martha and the Mary who stood by Jesus' cross and was one of the first witnesses to the Resurrection. As first witness who believed in the face of the Apostles' doubt that Jesus had risen, she came also to be called an apostle to the apostles.

Thanks to the work of scriptural scholars, including many women, those strands have been untangled. Her feast day has now been given the same standing as that of the apostles, she is no longer called a Penitent, and she has been named Apostle to the Apostles. This is yet another brick laid in the slow building of proper recognition of the place of women in the foundation of the Church and so in its on-going life.

Nevertheless, it is possible to have mixed reactions to Mary Magdalene's loss of identity as a penitent. The reform is good because it represents a more careful reading of Scripture and the early Church. It is also good because the picture built up of Mary as a reformed prostitute reflects the way in which she was seen through the gaze of men. In the Gospel, the woman who washed Jesus feet is described as a sinner.

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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.

OUR PRIESTS

Fr Huy Nguyen Viet SJ PP
Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

* "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

* "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

* "I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?"

* "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."

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

1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

(Đ) Luật pháp Ngài, lạy Chúa, con yêu chuộng dường bao!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a! Lạy Cha là Chúa Tể trời đất,
con xin ngợi khen Cha, vì Cha đã mặc khải
mầu nhiệm Nước Trời cho những người bé mọn.

A-lê-lui-a!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Continued.....

The men who preached the Gospel assumed that the sin of a deeply moved woman can only have been sexual, and that she must have been a prostitute. The same gaze made her an object of fascination and titillation to male painters who gloried in her uncovered flesh. To see her as an active, mature and rounded woman who is to be reckoned with is a great improvement.

The image of Mary as penitent, however, did emphasise the fact that Jesus came to call sinners, and highlighted the weaknesses and betrayals in the stories of his early followers. These give us confidence that our own betrayals will not separate us from Jesus or disqualify us from following hi. In an increasingly puritanical and punitive age where notable sin can lead to your ostracism from society, the honour given to a penitent for whom sin was followed by repentance, acceptance and a leading place in Jesus' mission sends a good message both to church and society.

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Laudato Si: On care for our Common Home Pope Francis: (2015)

“Creation is of the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things.”

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 Dăng, Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly and Gail Sleigh, Yiannis Korkolis



A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God’s plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the father,
Thy will be done.

Amen.

Retreat in Everyday Life - 'All Shall Be Well' (via Zoom)

5 x Mondays: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Aug 2020, 1.15pm-2.15pm

(Donation welcome)

We invite you to participate in this at-home retreat, available via Zoom, and spanning five weeks. It begins with an introductory session on Monday 3 August at 1.15pm AEST, and concludes with a closing reflection on Monday 31 August at 1.45pm AEST.

The retreat's two-part process provides an opportunity for you:

- to spend some time daily in prayerful reflection, pondering your experience of the day, and
- to be accompanied by a prayer companion once a week, at a mutually-suitable time.

A weekly reflection sheet to help focus your prayer will be made available to you.

If interested, please apply before 27 July to Heart of Life on tel (+61 3) 9890 1101

or by email: info@heartoflife.melbourne

If you are not familiar with Zoom and would like to take part,

we could explore you being involved by another means, eg telephone, Facetime etc.

Heart of Life

“Heart of Life is offering a “Retreat in Everyday Life – All Shall Be Well” – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, available via Zoom, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a prayer-companion on how God might have been present for you.

To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 27 July.”