



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUN 30TH AUG 2020 – TWENTY-SECOND 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

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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.

August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration

Hiroshima Day

August 29: Day against nuclear tests

In the Catholic Church the two major feasts of August are the Transfiguration of Jesus and the Assumption of Mary. They are feasts of light, of celebrating a life and world transformed. In the secular calendar, August is also bookended by two days of commemoration: the anniversary of the dropping of the nuclear bomb on Hiroshima on the same day as the Feast of the Transfiguration and the International Day against Nuclear Tests. These evoke a brief and terrible light followed by darkness, death and silence. Together, all four commemorations invite us to ask by what light we wish to guide our lives as human beings, as Catholics and as citizens of the world.

All these days invite us to attend both to life and death and to follow a path that holds them together. On the mountain Jesus is revealed in dazzling light as the Son of God. When he and his followers come down the mountain he speaks of the darkness of his coming arrest and death. The light that his disciples have seen prepares them for the horror of his death, and encourages them to hope in the transformed life revealed in his rising from the dead.

The events on the mountain, however, were not simply about Jesus. The light in which he appeared illuminated the whole mountain and all the people on it. The disciples not only saw Jesus transfigured but also Moses and Elijah. They represented the key moments of God's relationship to Israel – the time when, through Moses, God led people from slavery in Egypt, and the age when, through prophets like Elijah, he accompanied and taught people in periods of betrayal, conflict and exile. Their presence with Jesus suggested that Jesus was central in God's plan for people, and that the disciples would share in his glory. For a moment the disciples had a vision of a world transformed in harmony, clarity, love and joy, in which all things came together. No wonder Peter wanted to set up house on the mountain and to stay there forever! He had seen a glimpse of the world transfigured by the God whose coming Jesus had promised, a world in which he and the other disciples were to be involved in shaping.

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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

* "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

* "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

* "Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."

* "The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

(Đ) Lạy Thiên Chúa, Ngài là Chúa con thờ,
linh hồn con đã khao khát Chúa.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a!

Xin Thân Phụ Đức Giê-su Ki-tô, Chúa chúng ta, soi trí mở lòng cho chúng ta thấy rõ, đâu là niềm hy vọng, mà ơn Người kêu gọi đem lại cho chúng ta.

A-lê-lui-a!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

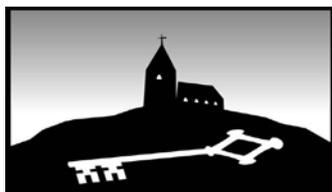
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration Hiroshima Day & August 29: Day against nuclear tests, Continued.....

When they came down from the mountain together, Jesus set them straight about the path that led to transfiguration. It lay through death and darkness. The readers of this story in the Gospel understood that they too had to choose between the destructive light of selfishness and conflict and God's light of making peace, of service and of harmony. The latter was the true light, and the path through it involved cost.

The story of the Transfiguration is relevant to our public life today. We have the technical skills to preserve and nurture the human world in all its variety and beauty. We have also the means of destroying it quickly by nuclear weapons or slowly by negligence in the face of climate change. We must choose between the two lights offered to guide us: that of unbridled individual choice and avarice with the enchanted dream castles that they offer, and the light of gratitude, respect, service and care for the common good. It is a crucial decision. It not only affects issues of war and peace but also the way in which we relate to the young people in the justice system whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services, and the priorities we adopt in our response to the coronavirus.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

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

“Nature cannot be regard as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live”

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

ANNIVERSARY: Sofia Narciso Suarez, Oscar Recto



A Prayer to St Joseph, the great protector

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.

Prayers During a Pandemic

*Compiled by Bishop Peter J Elliott,
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus,
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

FOR THOSE SEEKING A CURE FOR THE VIRUS

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope.

FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN AND REPRESENT US

Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our nation and its States. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.

FOR HUMILITY

Merciful Lord we stand before you in our human weakness. We confess that we have been caught up in the pride and presumption that drives our worldly society. Free us from the arrogance that afflicts our age, for now we stand confounded by conditions beyond our control or understanding. Give us humble and honest hearts to discern the greater mystery of your providence in creation. May we accept your justice and trust your redeeming mercy.