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SUN 13TH SEP 2020 – TWENTY-FOURTH 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
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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.

International Day to Protect Education from Attack

Many international days remind us of what ordinary people suffer in crises: war, famine, discrimination or disease. For that reason the naming of new days is a mixed blessing. It makes us think of people in great need. But it also makes us aware of the tragic reasons why that need exists. That is also true of the Day to protect education from attack, which is celebrated for the first time this year.

The day reminds us that armed conflict destroys or strips of possibilities they would otherwise have. We are horrified to hear of school children being killed, and we are outraged that schools are being targeted by terrorists or military planes. But we may miss the way in which the consequences of military conflict ripple out into people's lives when civilians are regarded as legitimate targets. When towns are threatened the ordinary services necessary for decent living are interrupted. Children can no longer go to school. If the towns are bombed and shelled civilians often flee and become refugees, looking desperately for shelter in their own nation or outside it. They may be placed in camps, which themselves are insecure and lawless. They are preoccupied with saving their lives, finding enough food to survive, dealing with the trauma they have suffered, and wondering where they will next have to move.

In these situations education becomes impossible. For education some measure of stability is needed. Where there is schooling, it is usually very basic. Communities lack even the reading and writing materials basic for any education. As a result children can grow into young men and women who have no future in the rural life from which their parents came, but lack access to the skills and knowledge they will need to live in modern cities.

The International Day to Protect Education invites us to remember the heroic work of volunteers who help local people to educate their children, providing resources to enable people to learn. Their work demands creativity and resilience to start again when military action again scatters the people. Jesuit Refugee Service is among the many agencies trying to build educational resources, train teachers and make distance education in developed nations available for young people. It is a precarious, precious work that can build hope in threatened communities.

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

* "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

* "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."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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

Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your
sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

(Đ) Chúa là Đấng từ bi nhân hậu,
Người chậm giận và giàu tình thương.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to
the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came
to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead
and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, aa-lê-lui-a! Chúa nói:

Thầy ban cho anh em một điều răn mới,

là anh em hãy yêu thương nhau,

như Thầy đã yêu thương anh em.

A-lê-lui-a!

GOSPEL

Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

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

Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

International Day to Protect Education from Attack, continued.....

This day encourages those who live in safe and prosperous societies to take notice of what is happening to the lives of ordinary people as a result of the conflicts in which their own nations have a part. This participation is sometimes through sending troops into a nation that does not threaten their own security, through arming proxy groups in other nations, and by selling arms that maim, kill and destroy the lives and future of women men and children.

Noticing can help bring about change. When we notice people like ourselves forced to live in fear, attacked and displaced, and their children robbed of education and of possibility, we might then be outraged and led to question the actions of our governments in supporting military conflicts and selling arms. We might demand that armed groups which we support make peace and not war. We might also insist that our governments support the people displaced in these conflicts in finding a safe home, and help to rebuild the homes and educational services that are central to decent human living.

The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is not just about actions taken in far-off nations. It speaks powerfully also to our own responsibilities.

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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 Sleight, Yiannis Korkolis



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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020

Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your
children, especially the smallest and most
vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of
children and adults at risk who have been
sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence
have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take
responsibility for those whose lives have been
broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be
heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support, so that now and in
the future their wounds may be healed and they
may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our
children, giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience to seek out assistance when
required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and
ever.

Amen.