



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 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.

Pope Francis' Intention for March: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Pope Francis' prayer for the Church in China is timely. It comes in a year when the attention of Australians and of people in other nations has been focused on China. China's strong assertion of its role in its region and the rest of the world has led to reaction among its economic and political competitors. It has also focused attention on the denial in China of what we would see as basic human rights. This inevitably trickles down into popular prejudice against China and xenophobic public comment. We risk thinking of Chinese people as a bloc, not as persons, to blame them for coronavirus rather than to go out to them in compassion for suffering from it.

For these reasons it a good time to reflect on our Chinese Catholic brothers and sisters and to pray for the Church in China. Pope Francis reminds us that it is a community of different people who try to live by the Gospel and need God's grace and the prayer of other Christians to do so. They display all the variety in ways of seeing and living their faith that we find in our own Church.

The challenge facing the Church in China is that Christianity has always been seen as foreign. It has come to China with foreigners and has been identified with them, even though Catholics themselves see themselves as happily both Chinese and Catholic. Christianity first came to China with Persian traders. Stone monuments from the ninth century testify to its presence. Christianity flourished under the Mongolian rule in the fourteenth century, with many Bishops throughout China. Later Chinese Emperors declared it incompatible with Chinese customs and banned it.

Subsequent Chinese contacts with foreigners were mainly with traders admitted under strict conditions. Chinese rulers were torn between fear of European threats to the Kingdom and desire to benefit from its technology and learning. Matteo Ricci made his way into the court through his astronomical and other learning, hoping to find a way of commending Christian faith to educated Chinese through the gifts of their own culture. But the connections he described between Chinese culture and Christian faith were judged by Roman authorities to compromise faith. Seen as agents of foreign powers, Catholic missionaries were soon banned from China.

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 judge people, you have no time to love them."
- * "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
- * "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."
- * "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
- * "God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

(Đ) Ngày hôm nay, ước gì anh em nghe tiếng Chúa!
Người phán: "Các người chớ cứng lòng."

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

Lạy Chúa, Chúa thật là Đấng cứu độ trần gian,
xin ban cho con nước hằng sống,
để con không bao giờ khát nữa.

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman

came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering

and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper

the Father wants.

God is spirit,

and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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It is not surprising then that under Communist rulers who wanted to free China from foreign domination powers, Catholics were seen as agents of a foreign power ruled by the Pope. They have been alternately persecuted and tolerated under heavy scrutiny and political control.

They have also understandably been divided in their opinions about how far they should cooperate with the Government. Pope Francis is anxious that these differences of opinion should not divide them as Catholics and as congregations. He prays, and asks us to pray, that they should be proud members of Christ's universal church and of their nation, following Jesus' generous way of life and rising with him to full life.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The custom of walking the Stations of the Cross in a church is a revered devotion, which has its origins in the early Christian pilgrimages to the holy places of Jerusalem. During Lent, you are warmly invited to join the Richmond Catholic Parish's Stations of the Cross. Details:

7.30pm at St Ignatius (English)

2 Thursday Evenings

19 Mar & 26 Mar 2020

PARISH RECONCILIATION

At St Ignatius

7.30pm, 24 March 2020 in English language

7.30pm, 31 March 2020 in Vietnamese language

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ST JAMES' ROSTER:	15/03/2020	22/03/2020	29/03/2020	05/04/2020
Reader:	Shane Healy	Tui	Kim Power	Margaret Gibson
Special Ministers:	Jonathon Rush Connie Piero	Connie Piero Thuy Bui	Michael Zimmerman Joseph Gauci	Sister Hilary Jonathon Rush
EPWORTH'S ROSTER:	15/03/2020	22/03/2020	29/03/2020	05/04/2020
	-	Andrea Maule	Sr C Flynn fcJ	Arminda Barry
	Joey Seliski	Catryn Tuckwell	Helen Gannon	Julia Walters
	Licia Marchese	Sr C Tanio FDZ	Janice Scarinci	Aneeta Vazhappilly

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, Grace Muller-Grecia, Elaine Soriano and Gail Sleigh, Elvira Narciso Dayrit, Teddy Villanueva

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tenny Stuart

What can I do for vocations?

The best and most important thing is to pray. From March 20-22, there is 23 hours of prayer for vocations to the consecrated life and priesthood in parishes and religious communities around Melbourne. To find out where you can join in the 'Triduum of Prayer', go to www.cam.org.au/vocations and click on 'Resources'. Consider joining in one hour around Melbourne for prayer for more vocations.

Heart of Life

'Stillness Saturday - The Benediction of the Present Moment', Saturday 21 March 2020, 10am-1pm at Heart of Life, 296 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern. Facilitated by Spiritual Director Ruth McIntosh, this morning offers participants guidance and a few hours of quiet time for prayer and reflection in the company of others. Cost \$30. For more information or bookings, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne.

Mary MacKillop Centre Open Day 2020

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2020 on Saturday, 21st March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 14/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Graeme Hood

Sunday 15/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Clement Deug

Sunday 15/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 21/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Eugene D'Lazarus

Sunday 22/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Graeme Hood

Sunday 22/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 28/03/2020 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Marlon D'Souza

Sunday 29/03/2020 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: -

Sunday 29/03/2020 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

St. Patrick's Day

On Tuesday, 17th March, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Patrick, who is honoured as the Apostle of Ireland, the great missionary who cemented the Christian faith into the culture of Ireland. But it is not just in Ireland that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. Across the world the day is significant to millions of people and we in this community are inheritors of the rich tradition of Irish Catholicism, brought to Richmond by our spiritual forebears.

St. Patrick's Day reminds us of this and gives us cause to be grateful for their faithfulness and generosity.