



# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

## of St Ignatius and St James

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**SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2020 – TWENTY-SEVEN 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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

### St James' Church

162 Kent Street,  
NORTH RICHMOND  
VIC 3121

#### Mass Times

Sunday: 10.30am

### Trinity Catholic Primary School

57-61 Davison Street,  
NORTH RICHMOND  
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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.*

### **October Pope Francis' prayer intention: The Laity's Mission in the Church**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

When Pope Francis prays that lay people may share more fully in responsibility for the Church, he begins with baptism. That is telling, because many Catholics would automatically think first of Holy Orders. Priests and Bishops have responsibility in the Church, and others help them in their work. Pope Francis would describe that way of thinking as clericalism.

He invites us to think more deeply about the meaning of Baptism. We can easily think of it as a ritual celebrated for us as babies when we enter the church. It is like a key that gets us inside the church so that we can receive other sacraments, but it doesn't entitle us to do anything. In Pope Francis' understanding baptism makes us entitled to be active in the church and to share responsibility for it. It is not the first step along a path to Holy Orders and so to office in the Church, but empowers us to be active and responsible in caring for the church. Holy Orders creates particular relationships in the community, but adds nothing to baptism. Baptism in Peter's words makes us a royal priesthood, a people set apart.

If we think of responsibility only as power within the internal relationships of the church, we might think that the church has only begun to trust lay people. That judgment is understandable. But if we look more generally at what Catholics do and at their relationships with one another and the outside world, and ask who is responsible for making things happen, the picture is very different. In church organisations many of the key managers are lay people. In Catholic schools, the majority of teachers and a fair proportion of principals are women. This is even more true of Catholic hospitals and social outreach organisations. They are responsible for maintaining the Catholic spirit of the schools and the organisations.

### *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."

\* "I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much."

\* "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

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

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*Mother Teresa*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Est 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## 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

*Is 5:1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

(Đ) Vườn nho của Chúa là nhà Ít-ra-en.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*Phil 4:6-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you  
need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and  
thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much  
greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts  
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers,  
fill your minds with everything that is true, everything  
that is good and pure, everything that we love and

honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*See Jn 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

## **CÂU XƯỞNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM**

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a!

Chúa nói: Chính Thầy đã chọn anh em từ giữa thế gian,  
để anh em ra đi, sinh được hoa trái, và hoa trái của anh  
em tồn tại.

A-lê-lui-a!

## **GOSPEL**

*Mt 21:33-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the

scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be  
taken from you and given to a people who will  
produce its fruit.'

### **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**

*Lam 3:25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

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### *Heart of Life*

'Pondering Grief - Reflection event vi Zoom'  
Saturday 17 Oct 2020, 10am-1pm (AEST).

Facilitated by Counsellor/Supervisor/Educator  
Linda Espie

This event provides the opportunity to reflect on and  
honour our inner life of change and transition. With  
creative, space and gentle guiding support, this  
workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of  
human experiencing and spirit to guide individual  
exploration.

Limited to 10 participants.

Cost \$30.

Bookings and payment via Trybooking  
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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 Đăng,  
Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly  
and Gail Sleight, Yiannis Korkolis



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### 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.

### October Pope Francis’ prayer intention, continued....

The same is often true now, too, of many parishes where lay people actually hold the church together. The priests who are attached to these organisations are there as servants and not as masters. This will be even more true of the Catholic Church in the future.

There is a gap, of course, between this reality of church life and the formal ways in which the life of the church is expressed. And this gap can be very aggravating. Many Catholics have expressed their frustration that the Plenary Council, so important in the life of the Church, will be so overwhelmingly composed by Bishops and priests and that critical voices with experience of good governance in civil life will not be represented. Similarly, the scope for women to have their gifts accepted in taking responsibility for the Church is still pretty limited. We would expect in an organisation where women had full responsibility, that men, including priests, would routinely be accountable to women in their work. These situations suggest that there is a long path to follow, which will involve change in church practice and attitudes.

Pope Francis prays that the laity may find more areas of church life in which they are responsible. To pray takes us out of planning and proposing and defining boundaries into the life of God. We pray in the Spirit, who is always a Spirit of possibility, one who opens doors and does not lock them. For all the frustrations evoked by this intention, prayer commits us to hope that the Spirit will help us find a way.

*Fr Andy Hamilton SJ*