



# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

## of St Ignatius and St James

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**SUN 8<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2020 – THIRTY-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

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

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NORTH RICHMOND  
VIC 3121

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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.*

## 6 November: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict calls to mind Pope Francis. The day itself is an initiative of the United Nations. But like Pope Francis when he speaks of threats to human life, to peace or to our environment, the day speaks strongly and makes connections that we may have missed. The naming of a day brings together war and the environment, two things that may seem to be unconnected. The Pope, too, would have gone on to link these different scourges to inequality, which feeds wars and junks the environment.

A little thought shows the close connection between military action and the destruction of the environment. We need only to remember the effects of the testing of nuclear weapons in South Australia and the Pacific, of the use of Agent Orange in Vietnam for killing forests, and of landmines in Cambodia. In each case land was closed off for human use for many years, people suffered from birth defects and a high cancer rate, and rural children for thirty years afterwards have had arms and legs blown off by the sentinels that never sleep. In wars, too, the poor have always fought the poor, wealthy corporations have profited from selling arms to both sides, and fertile land has been poisoned.

As Pope Francis has argued so strongly, too, the exploitation of our environment and the lack of respect for its ecologies and future always involve the exploitation of the people who depend on it for their living. People who are driven off their land to allow private interests to profit from mining and whose fishing grounds and fields are poisoned by it naturally protest against this injustice. These protests are then put down violently. People treated as objects that need to be removed for mines are then further made the objects of bombing, gassing, intimidation and other instruments of war. People and the natural world alike are seen as expendable pieces on a chessboard, not respected as persons in a world of interlocking relationships.

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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

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

\* "Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance."

\* "The more you have, the more you are occupied, the less you give. But the less you have the more free you are. Poverty for us is a freedom. It is not mortification, a penance. It is joyful freedom. There is no television here, no this, no that. But we are perfectly happy."

*Mother Teresa*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 87:3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## 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

*Wis 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave  
you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*1 Thes 4:13-18*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with  
Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those  
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve  
about them, like the other people who have no hope.  
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it  
will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God  
will bring them with him. We can tell you this from  
the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left  
alive until the Lord's coming will not have any  
advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of  
God, the voice of the archangel will call out the  
command and the Lord himself will come down from  
heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first  
to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be  
taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the  
Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever.  
With such thoughts as these you should comfort one  
another.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a!

Anh em hãy canh thức và hãy sẵn sàng,

vì chính giờ phút anh em không ngờ,

thì Con Người sẽ đến.

A-lê-lui-a!

## GOSPEL

*Mt 25:1-13*

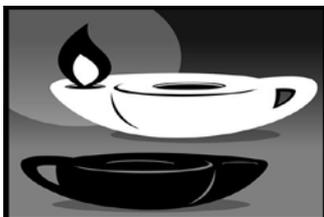
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.’ At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, ‘Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.’ But they replied, ‘There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.’ They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us.’ But he replied, ‘I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.’ So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

### 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 22:1-2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

## HEART OF LIFE

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.



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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 Sleigh, Yiannis Korkolis, Julieta Uy, Leilani  
Gelvosa, Sr. Carlos Ardosia-Hedriana

**DECEASED:** Wendy Grace



### 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.

### 6 November: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict , continued.....

This is true also in more domestic ways. Children who are raised in poverty in areas left without services by governments are often exposed to domestic violence and grow up with little respect for the environment. In our accompaniment of them at Jesuit Social Services we need to commend both peaceful ways of resolving frustration and an appreciation of the environment of which they are part.

One response to the destruction of the environment by armed conflict is to devise methods of warfare that are less damaging; to stop stockpiling weapons, selling them, reducing armed forces and making it more difficult for Governments to go to war. That response is necessary and would certainly diminish the threat to the environment. It does not, however, go to the roots of the problem. In all our policies we need to attend first to the people who are affected by armed conflict and damage to the environment: the soldiers who are killed and wounded, the veterans who return physically and mentally ill, their families whose lives are fogged in the sadness of war, and the civilians killed, terrorised, displaced, driven into refugee camps and excluded from the nations which benefited from their destruction.

We also need to attend to the environment of which we are part and to all its delicate relationships: the agricultural land made desert, the effect on oceans and climate by the emissions involved in the making of weapons and their use, and the illnesses incubated and spread in the slums where displaced persons must live. We must keep in mind the world that we shall leave to our grandchildren and the ways in which they will live.

*Fr Andy Hamilton SJ*