



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH of St Ignatius and St James

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SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

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: 11.00am

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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.

February 17: Ash Wednesday

During the last year we have become used to see unchanging religious celebrations disrupted by Coronavirus. Masses celebrated virtually, funerals limited to family, social distancing and masks in church, no sharing of the cup nor peace greeting by shaking hands, for example. Ash Wednesday is also affected. The celebrant is instructed not to use ash to make a sign of the cross on our foreheads, but to sprinkle it on our heads.

Although that's a small change, the gesture has quite a different feel. Making the sign of the cross on the forehead was like pinning a badge on us. It identified us as Catholics, gave us an identity as a follower of Jesus, and bound us to the community. When we were children we were encouraged to leave it on our foreheads and not to be ashamed of our faith. We noticed adults who also had ash on their forehead as we travelled by bus to school. On Ash Wednesday we strode together into Lent as we might into an army training camp that would make us spiritually fit to join Jesus on his path to death and rising.

Having ashes sprinkled on your head feels quite different. No one notices the ashes except ourselves. We may feel the grittiness in our hair and may be uncomfortable with it. For most of us paying attention to our hair is a sign of self-respect, and we expect others to pay our hair respect. It matters to us that our hair is cut, washed, shampooed and combed, and we are pleased if other people notice it. It is also a sign of our distinctive identity, whether we have it cut carefully or leave it long and untidy. Either way we are resentful if others pull it, pat it without permission, cut it or disrespect it. Our hair displays the person we believe we are, would like to be and want others to see.

For that reason, to have someone throw ash and dust into our hair is humiliating. Actually, humiliation is the point of the ritual. The Latin root of humiliation means dirt. If we are humiliated we feel as if we have been thrown down into the dust, dirtied. We lose the protection of the public person we want to be and are thrown back on to our naked self.

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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 Trung Nguyen SJ PP
Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

* "We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion."

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

* "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

* "Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it."

* "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING

Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

(Đ) Lạy Chúa, đường lối Chúa tất cả là yêu thương và thành tín đối với ai giữ giao ước của Ngài.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

Người ta sống, không chỉ nhờ cơm bánh,
nhưng còn nhờ mọi lời miệng Thiên Chúa phán ra.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

'Let the Heart Listen'

It is a 15-week formation program on Thursday mornings for people involved in listening to and supporting others. The program includes: the principles of listening and discernment, facilitated group participation, guided reflection etc. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program begins on 25 Feb 2021 at Heart of Life, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern or online. Cost \$680. For more information or application form, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101."

February 17: Ash Wednesday continued....

The traditional formula that is used in the giving of ashes on Ash Wednesday expresses this clearly: Remember that you are dust and that unto dust you will return.

The emphasis on Lent as a time for stripping off all the things that give us importance and status is chastening. Like other forms of humiliation it may also be crushing - unless we are confident that we are deeply loved. And of course God's overwhelming love for us is the larger story behind the sprinkling of the ashes on Ash Wednesday. It introduces the story of God's relationship with us, as story that is developed throughout Lent. It tells how God loves each of us deeply enough to join us, share our joys and sorrow, bear our hatreds to the lengths of enduring torture and execution, and then rising to overcome death and murderousness. It is the story of Jesus acceptance of humiliation out of love for us and rising to glory. It marks out the path we shall walk if we follow Jesus.

Fr Andy Hamilton, SJ



Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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

“Nature cannot be regarded 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 Đăng,
Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly
and Gail Sleigh, Yiannis Korkolis, Julieta Uy, Leilani
Gelvosa, Jerry Bazant, Anita Bayer, Minda Wright &
Andres Crisanto Victa



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.

ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 20/02/2021 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Mary Burns

Sunday 21/02/2021 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Kaye Hogan

Sunday 21/02/2021 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 27/02/2021 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Elizabeth Ball

Sunday 28/02/2021 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Sr Helen Buckley fcJ

Sunday 28/02/2021 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community



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The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

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247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE
Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am
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