



# RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

## of St Ignatius and St James

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### SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

#### St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,  
 RICHMOND VIC 3121

#### Mass Times

##### Daily

12.00 noon  
 (Monday - Friday)

##### 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:** 11.00am

#### Trinity Catholic Primary School

57-61 Davison Street,  
 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.*

#### **Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights**

*We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

In its Christian context Easter Sunday celebrates the rising of Jesus to life. It follows his brutal execution after a trumped up trial on Good Friday. This year Good Friday occurs at the beginning of April, the month when Pope Francis dedicates his monthly prayer intention to those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Such prayers have always been necessary. The sun will always rise on brave people as they wake ready to continue their struggle for justice, wondering whether at the end of the day they will be still alive. Most live in towns and villages of which we have never heard, in nations about which our media report little. But sometimes the urgency of prayer is inscribed on the faces of people familiar to us who have risked their lives.

We are familiar with the faces of people who formed a chain of respect, passing from one to another Jewish people escaping during Nazi occupation. We may recognise the faces of writers who were killed or exiled to Siberia during the purges in Stalinist Russia. We may remember the faces of young Filipino students who offered flowers to soldiers during the Marcos era. They saw peace and justice prevail over violent suppression. More recently we have seen the faces of students in Myanmar as they offered roses to the soldiers blocking their protest. Sadly their peaceful gesture has been rejected with increasing bloodshed and imprisonment.

The names of many of these people who have put their lives on the line to defend the human dignity of others in times of tyranny are remembered and held in honour. Often modest statues to them have replaced the grandiose monuments to the men who hounded them. But the majority lived and often died humbly and unnoticed. They are among those who were 'disappeared' under Latin American and other military governments, those who have been arrested and have died in prison, those who have been beaten in demonstrations for civil rights, who have quietly refused to be intimidated by overwhelming power and have remained faithful, and those who in their writing and thinking have served the truth in the face of the lies imposed upon their people

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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**

\* "If we worry too much about ourselves, we won't have time for others"

\* "The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love."

\* "Let us all smile at each other for a smile is the beginning of love."

*Mother Teresa*

#### **COLLECTION 11-04-2021**

**ST IGNATIUS**  
 Thanksgiving Envelope: \$234  
 Loose Collection: \$1445.85

**ST JAMES**  
 Thanksgiving Envelope: \$125  
 Loose Collection: 78.75

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 65:1-2*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## 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 sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins 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

*Acts 3:13-15. 17-19*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7*

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

(Đ) Lạy Chúa, xin tỏ ánh tôn nhan Ngài trên chúng con.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*1 Jn 2:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*See Lk 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

Ha-lê-lui-a. Ha-lê-lui-a.

Lạy Chúa Giê-su, xin mở trí cho chúng con hiểu lời Kinh Thánh. Và khi Chúa phán dạy,  
xin đốt lòng chúng con cháy lửa nồng nàn.  
Ha-lê-lui-a.

## GOSPEL

*Lk 24:35-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### **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

*Lk 24:35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April, continued.....

It is right for those who have seen their human rights violated and have suffered in defence of their families, friends and fellow citizens to be outraged by the savagery with which powerful, ambitious men with guns go to war against their unarmed fellow citizens in order to protect their self-claimed entitlements. It is hard not to harbour rage and hatred against the perpetrators.

In his prayer intention, however, Pope Francis encourages another way. He focuses, not on the masks of soldiers clad in black, but on the faces and coloured dress of the young people who in so many eras and places have approached them in peace, on the faces of the women who have beaten pots and pans in the markets to express their disapproval of the infringements on their human rights, and on the fleeting faces of shadowed people who have filmed state violence, protested against it in poetry and song, sent news of it through the world, and have begged our support.

In our grief and helplessness before the systematic crushing of human rights Pope Francis invites us to hold these faces and those of their put-upon fellow countrymen in our eyes and in our prayers. A totally inadequate response, we might feel. It does however set the lives of these brave people in a wider arc in which the value of a life sacrificed and a freedom vainly fought for is not lost but shines and is woven into the tapestry of relationships between people and world, between past, present and future, a tapestry that will never be unpicked.

On Good Friday expediency, brutality and military efficiency at killing had the last word. That is the day in which so many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world are locked today. But in the Easter story three days later the sun rose, and with it rose life and love. They mock the claim of death and despair, anger and hatred, to have the final word in our world or in our hearts. The last word is given to love, to remembrance, to justice and to reconciliation.

*Fr Andy Hamilton, SJ*

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## Meditation on Jesus for Healing and Wellbeing of Body & Soul

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

One Day Retreat: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021: 10am – 4pm.

BYO Lunch. Cost: \$25, Concession \$20.

Registration is necessary by phone or email.

(Concludes with Mass)

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

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

“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**DECEASED:** Thelma Muller, Jerry Bazant,  
Teresita Ramos, Julius Hedriana & Steve Zosa

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Priest, Fr Trung, SJ, has reconvened the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) in 2021. The members of the PPC are: Fr Trung SJ, Therese Keogh (Chair), Sr Helen Buckley fcJ (Secretary), Sr Floriana FDZ, Licia Marchese, Katarina Radonic, Julian Butler, Vu Nguyen, Nigel Rodrigues and Maurice Sheehan.

The PPC is meeting on a monthly basis and, after an initial meeting of prayer, reflection and sharing, Council Members have worked through identified strengths and challenges of the Parish and are now planning to address four key areas. They are: Faith Formation, Communication, Outreach and Fundraising.

Should you have any matters you wish to bring to the PPC’s attention, please speak to a Council Member or leave a message at the Parish Office and a member of the PPC will contact you.

Therese Keogh,  
Chair.

### 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 17/04/2021 - 6.00pm Mass**

**Reader:** Mary Burns

**Sunday 18/04/2021 - 9.30am Mass**

**Reader:** Mary Ebolo

**Sunday 18/04/2021 - 5.30pm Mass**

**Reader & Special Ministers:** Vietnamese Community

**Saturday 24/04/2021 - 6.00pm Mass**

**Reader:** Elizabeth Ball

**Sunday 25/04/2021 - 9.30am Mass**

**Reader:** Liza Recto

**Sunday 25/04/2021 - 5.30pm Mass**

**Reader & Special Ministers:** Vietnamese Community

### ST JAMES’ ROSTER

**Sunday 18/04/2021 - 11.00am Mass**

**Reader:** Atalia Fatanitavake

**Sunday 25/04/2021 - 11.00am Mass**

**Reader:** Helen Bakowski

### ACU Centre for Liturgy

online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on “Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration”.

Online via Zoom: Monday May 17 10-11.30am (AEST)  
The Zoom link will be provided on 15 May 2021 to those who have registered.

Registration: Registration by 13 May is essential for this public lecture. Cost is \$10, \$5 for student/pensioner concession. [www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl)

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