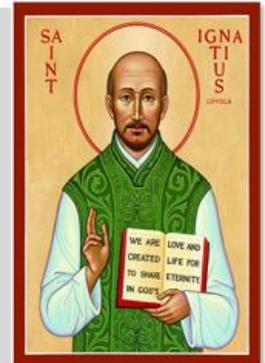


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ST IGNATIUS' CHURCH

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Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Monday - Friday)

Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)
7.00pm (Polish)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick
1st Friday of the Month

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Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday in Parish
Mass at 9.30am.
Contact Parish office.

Reconciliation

By appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office

Lockdown and the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As we continue into the second week of this lockdown, though we are more accustomed to the restrictions and isolation, yet it is still not that easy for many people. On the positive side, it is a good opportunity for many of us to pause for a while and be more reflective and more in tuned with our global events, especially the ravaging effect of Covid in India, and the political turmoil in Myanmar.

More than ever, the pandemic has made us realise that we are part of the global family, where something so small and invisible could impact the whole world. More than ever, the isolation made us want to be more connected and we long to have interactions with one another. More than ever, we realise that we are created to live in relationship with God and with other people.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, apart from the many theological understanding of Jesus' love for us expressed in his self sacrifice, and the new covenant established at the last supper, more basically it is the offer of exchange between heaven and earth when humans are fed with that most sacred food, God's self. It is the experience and embrace between the human and divine. As people of faith who consumes the Body and Blood of Christ, we also share in that one body. All people around the world who takes part in the eucharist, shares that sacred bond with God and with one another.

On this feast day, let us gaze upon the Body and Blood of Christ and gaze upon the need of our world, knowing that we are all in it together. Prayers and blessings.



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.

*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.*

SAFETY OF CHILDREN & ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

*Richmond Catholic
Parish hold the care,
safety and wellbeing of
children and all
vulnerable people as a
central and fundamental
responsibility for our
community.*

MEDITATION ON GOD'S LOVE

*"Poverty was not created
by God. It is we who have
caused it, you and I
through our egotism."*

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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

Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Pope Francis Intention for June The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

When Pope Francis speaks of the beauty of marriage, he does not focus on it as an institution with its distinctive rules and practices. That starting point often leads to wearying debate about what kinds of relationship can be described as marriage. He thinks first of people and, in this month's intention, of young people who want to marry as part of a Christian community that will support them and encourage them to grow in their marriage. He invites us to respond to the young couples and to the beauty and the blessing to be found in their relationships to one another, to families and to the community that shape their marriage. This is not to say that other forms of relationship are less beautiful and generous, still less that all marriages between Christians display this distinctive beauty and generosity. But Pope Francis is surely right to celebrate the beauty of Christian marriage when it is fully lived.

This picture of marriage does challenge many of the popular images of a happy marriage in our society. Marriages are often seen as made in heaven, where two individuals make a choice that will be guaranteed to bring happiness.

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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”



Let us pray for all those who have gone before us marked with sign of faith...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Richard Bayer

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:
David Hedriana

Dates to Remember

June is the month of the Sacred Heart

Sun. 6 - Feast of Corpus Christi

Sat. 12 - Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sun. 13 - 9.30 Mass at St. Ignatius Church -

Acknowledgement and Farewell of Dr. Paul Power and Dr. Kim Power.

July is the month of the Most Precious Blood

Sun. 25 - Feast of St. James the Great

Mon. 26 - Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne – Parents of Our Lady

Sat. 31 - Feast of St. Ignatius

25th Wedding Anniversary of Nancy Calo and James Morrissey

Congratulations to both of you,
For completing wonderful years of togetherness and bliss,
May god protect you and bless you,
So that you two always remain like this,
Happy anniversary!



A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH THE GREAT PROTECTOR

“Year of Saint Joseph”

8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis Intention for June, continued.....

The love between two human beings separates them from their world and is nobody’s business but their own. Pope Francis, in contrast, emphasises that marriage is rooted in a Christian community which supports both people in their preparing for marriage and will continue to support them after marriage. Marriage involves a leaving, but it does not mean pulling up roots but putting down new sets of roots within the new family. It does not make the couple more but less alone.

Pope Francis also speaks of the qualities of the marriage that Christians would hope to find and build. They are not found in all marriages, of course, and each person brings their own weaknesses and limitations to their marriage. Among them the indispensable quality is love. It is the engine of marriage, and even if a marriage splutters, is jerky and sometimes turns itself off, it remains alive as long as people still love one another.

The other words in which Pope Francis describes marriage describe the ways in which love will express itself. Where there is love in a marriage and a family, people will be generous to one another. The boundaries between mine and yours will not be rigid, and people will cut each other some slack. When we notice our partner sad or hurt, we shall reach out to them and sacrifice ourselves to help them. We shall also be faithful to one another. This shows itself in complex ways. We shall not betray our partner by speaking negatively about them behind their back, or by encouraging others to think that we are available. In positive ways faithfulness means giving our partners time and a listening ear, and making decisions about our hobbies and work patterns in a shared way.

Because in all relationships we expect that there will be disagreements and times when we annoy one another, marriage also involves patience – refraining from the quick and hurtful comment, and being prepared to wait till the right time comes to talk things through. Finally, the cement of all good relationships, including marriage, is forgiveness. Marriage is not for saints and angels – they are in heaven. It is for human beings who often think, act and speak wrongly. Saying sorry is the medicine that will heal most of our infections.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ