



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jubilee of Migrants & Jubilee of the Missions

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65 October, 2025

Weekly bulletin for the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills

OUR MASSES

Mon - Fri 6:30am, 9:30am
Saturday: 8am
Sunday: 6pm (Sat Vigil)
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

OUR SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: 8:30 - 9:30am Sat
Anointing of The Sick: 11am last Wed of month
Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, RCIA: By appt

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

First Friday of the Month 7:00pm-8:00pm
Each Saturday 8:30am-9:30am

OUR PRAYER GROUPS

Monday - Friday 12 noon: Online Rosary
Monday 1pm: Cenacle
Wednesday 6pm: Legion of Mary
Saturday 10am: Bible Study (also Online)
1st Sunday of the Month 11.30am: Rosary

OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ Parish Priest
Fr Peter deSouza Assistant Priest
Pia Nam Parish Secretary
(Tue-Fri 8am-4pm)
Tina Muscat Catechist & Sacramental Coordinator
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TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

*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.*

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever, it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

*FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN
DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

BAPTISMS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2025

As a faith community, we pray for Jack Mayers.



Please pray for the sick in our community:

Alex Connelly, Suzie, John McAuley, Josefina and Jose Carreno, Taila Nestor, Steve Howcroft, Jill Howcroft, Veronica D'Costa, Sarah Duff, Jane McGirr, Louisa James, Vic Juan, Jenny Jones.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Irene Buckley (the mother of Fr Paul Finucane), Julie Anne Clemson, Carmelina Abreu, Dianne Gillen, Joan Bradley, Francis Bradley, Maureen Boys, Carlos Lobo, Evelyn Yvonne Koelmeyer.

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Melyille Buddel, Carmelina Mifsud, Cesare Ferrara, John Corbet, Andrew S. Lee & Soohyang Cecilia Lee, Peter Logan, Garry Saliba, Harold de Sayrah, Mardi Walkley, Garry Saliba, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Fehon, Geoff Bailey, Tony El-Rahi, Anacleto de Torres, Jr. Tony Abrams, Phil Cordeiro, Colin McKenna, Therese Lincoln, Frances Burke, Matthew Abraham, David Vieyra.

Praying the Rosary as a Parish

Monday 1pm (Cenacle Prayer Group)

Tuesday - Friday 9am (before 9:30am Mass)

Saturday 8.30am (after 8am Mass)

1st Sunday of Month (after 10:30am Mass)

Daily Rosary Monday - Friday at 12noon

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92575468077> passcode: 159403

Saints & Feast Days

Tuesday, 7th October—**Our Lady of the Rosary**

6:30am Monday & Thursday Mass has resumed, following the **regular weekday schedule**.

Reminder

Daylight Savings starts on Sunday, 5 October

Put clocks forward one hour



Next Weekend's Reading

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Next Week's Parish Ministers			12 October 2025		
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	S Messina T Messina	J Rayan J John	M Rodrigues P Rodrigues	S Thomas Y Thomas	Youth Mass
Altar Prep	Vattoly Family	D Salvestro	K Black Family	T Mamachan	Pinto Family
Euch Minister	R Gomes G Yap C Gould	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	T Papandrea V Frizza T Abdipranoto	M Del Gallego T Mamachan W Surjadi	M Chan L Pereira V Logan
Music	Ray & Sarah		Sunday Musos	Group 4	Youth Group
Counters	K MacRae T MacRae A Setiwan	Floral Ministry	R Mudackal	Altar Society	S Superman R Dyer

Reflection:

In the Gospel today the disciples ask: Lord, increase our faith. He teaches them, and us, two things about faith.

Firstly, a grain of faith, provided it is authentic, can achieve great things. With faith, what looks impossible can become possible.

Secondly, using the image of the master and servant, Jesus tells us that what God wants from us is that we should come to him as children come to a loving father.

God wants us to live honourably, not by seeking a reward, but out of true love and devotion for him, and zeal for his service.

We can never put God in our debt, but we don't have to! As children of a loving Father, we seek to return the love that we have already been shown. Above all, we must remember that God first loves us, and we live in response to that.

We seek to keep God's commands because God loves us. When we truly love another, we seek to do all we can to please them, to honour them and not hurt them.

We communicate our love for them.

Our generous Lord and God wants us, his disciples, to serve him out of love, not simply out of duty or fear.

Hence, we need both faith and love.



October: the month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary, usually celebrated by the Church on the 7th. This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the 18th century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.



You are invited to place your **intentions** into the prayer box, which will be carried with our Lady's Statue on Sunday. The box, paper & pens are available in the church foyer.



YOU ARE CALLED TO BE
PILGRIMS OF HOPE
JUBILEE 2025
IN THIS HOLY YEAR
24 DEC 2024 - 6 JAN 2026

Jubilee Events for October 2025

4-5 October Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October Jubilee of the Migrants

8-9 October Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October—2 November Jubilee of the World of Education

Sacrament of Confirmation Program



A reminder that the practice for all children preparing for Confirmation will be held in the Church on Tues 14th October at 4pm in the Church. (their sponsors do not need to attend).

Please continue to pray for the 70 children and 1 adult, and their families and group leaders.



Piety Store will be open during the practice.

On Tuesday, October 14, the Piety Store will be open, from 3:45pm, during the Confirmation practice.

This is an ideal time for Parents and Sponsors to purchase a gift and card for your Confirmation Candidate.

Baptism/ Sacraments for Older Children



Any parents with a child/ren in Year 4 or above who have not made their Sacraments and would like them to do so are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Craft Group

Friday, 10 October
10-12noon Callahan Centre
Contact Deb Wiggins 0434 122 499



World Mental Health Day

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- **World Mental Health Day** – Friday 10 October 2025
- **National Children's Week** – Saturday 18 October to Sunday 26 October 2025
- **International Child Safeguarding Week (ICSW)** – Monday 20 October to Friday 24 October 2025

Each of these events invites us to promote safe, supportive environments and to renew our commitment to the dignity and protection of children, young people, and adults at risk.

A Parish Prayer for HSC students

Dear Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students sitting for their exams these coming weeks.

We ask for your blessing, strength, and support to face these exams.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.

Bless them with clarity of mind, keen understanding, and retentive memory as they sit for their exams.

May the Holy Spirit give them wisdom, fortitude, and knowledge.

May they have the satisfaction of achieving their personal best and feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always.

We ask these things through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"KEEP MOVING,
the best is yet to come".



PLEASE TAKE ONE

Student Exam Prayers Cards are available from the church foyer.

Youth Ministry

Call out for help —Sunday Oct 12 after 6pm Mass

Please contact the parish office if could help with the BBQ (cooking, setup, serving & cleanup) after the 6pm Youth Mass on Oct 12. Food, equipment & instructions provided. Your help would be much appreciated!



Combined Day Retreat for Youth

Date: Thursday, 9th October—Saturday, 12th October, with Mass on Sunday morning at 9:30, run by the youth

Times: 9:30am—9:00pm each day

Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,
Fr Nulty Rm

Cost: \$60 per person (Food included)

Register : via QR code

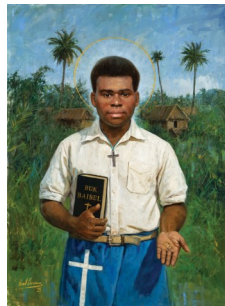


SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding our parish children is everyone's responsibility. At St Agatha's, we value our children, teenagers and young adults and want them to feel safe and supported at all times.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St Peter To Rot - on World Mission Sunday.

Everyone is invited to this celebration at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara when Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass at **11.00am on Sunday 19 October 2025.**



Mass and Blessing of the Sick is to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood on **Sunday 12th October**. Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass and Blessing of the Sick 3pm. The celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Percy.

For more information, contact Trish Anderson 0428604405



Formation Day for Clergy and Parish Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Clergy, Senior Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are warmly invited to join **Bishop Anthony** for a special **Formation Day** following the release of his new Pastoral Letter, *The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist*.

- **Time:** 10am – 1pm
- **Date:** Saturday 1 November
- **Venue Update:** Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

This day will be a valuable time to grow together in faith, deepen our love for the Eucharist, and strengthen our service within the parish community. Please register your attendance via email – mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Liturgical Formation Day Series Four – Rekindle the Wonder

Time: 9:30am - 3pm

Date: Saturday 25 October

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

To register: email

mission@bbcatholic.org.au



Pastoral Care Seminar Day

To celebrate Pastoral Care Week 2025, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our Pastoral Care Seminar Day on Wednesday 22nd October between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Our special guest presenter will be Peter Mudge, author of 'Living Spirituality' Series 1, 2 and 3.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Venue:

Caroline Chisholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

For enquiries, please contact:

Peter Brown (Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care) on 0418 616 602

To register your attendance, please send an email by Wednesday, 15th October to:

peter.brown@catholiccaredbb.org.au (please also note any special dietary requirements)



Come and share your gifts with our Parish!

Volunteers are needed for **reading at Mass** and **money counting**.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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