

The Power Of Persistent



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

19 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
(Tue & Wed 10am-5pm, Thu 1-5pm)

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TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Thursday, 70 children and 1 adult received the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Most Rev. David Walker Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay. God's blessing be upon them and their families.

Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

A special word of thanks to the group leaders for their time and commitment in preparing the candidates.



BAPTISMS FOR October 2025

As a faith community, we pray for Jack Mayers.



Please pray for the sick in our community:

Maureen Quinn, 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:

Giovanna Cipriano, Julie Anne Clemson, Irene Buckley (mother of Fr Paul Finucane), Carmelina Abreu, Dianne Gillen, Joan Bradley, Francis Bradley, Evelyn Yvonne Koelmeyer.

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria Luisa Ferrara, Helen Ferrara, Julia D'Souza, Melyville Buddel, Carmelina Mifsud, Cesare Ferrara, John Corbet, Andrew S. Lee & Soohyang Cecilia Lee, Peter Logan, Garry Saliba, Harold de Sayrah, Mardi Walkley, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Fehon.

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

Anointing Mass on Wednesday, 29th October

The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered during **11am Mass** on Wednesday, 29th October. Stay afterwards for a cuppa and a chat. Please consider offering to help with transport.



Next Weekend's Reading

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Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Next Week's Parish Ministers			26 October 2025		
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	N Fonglland T Higgins	R Abrams G Abrams	S Perera A Perera	S Pimenta N Pimenta	A Dsouza J Pinto
Altar Prep	N Tomasovic	P Cheung	Leung Family	N Tomasovic	Pereira Family
Euch Minister	S Dcunha U Dcunha T Higgins	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	T Papandrea V Frizza T Abdipranoto	M D'Silva T Anderson S Kottaram	M Chan J Pinto V Logan
Music	Ray & Sarah		Youth Choir	Pimenta Family	Christian & Marea
Counters	B Vattoly A Quinlan H Quinlan	Floral Ministry	A Budhi	Altar Society	G & M Nicholas M Soria

Reflection:

First Reading (Exodus 17:8-13) tells of the first battle the Israelites fought after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory resulted, not from their own efforts alone, but from the power of God mediated through the intercession of Moses. In the parable of the unjust judge (**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**) Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow - who represents the powerless ones. It is presumed that she has right on her side, but the judge is not interested in the rights of a penniless widow. However, when she persists in her plea, he finally relents.

The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually? The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they lose faith, just because their prayer isn't answered immediately?

pray continually and
never lose heart



Set Up Your Planned Giving Online

– New payment platform now Available

The Broken Bay Diocese has launched a new online payment platform, **PACEM**, making it easier and safer to contribute to the parish.

You can now give online to: **First Collection, Second Collection, Pastoral Works Broken Bay, and general Donation.**

You can choose between a **one-time** or **recurring** donation.

Benefits:

- You manage your own giving directly
- No need to provide credit card details to the parish office
- Instant receipts are issued for all donations

If you are currently giving through the parish office via credit card or bank direct debit, we strongly encourage you to switch to the new online system. Once you have set up a recurring donation through **PACEM**, please email the parish office with a written notice so we can remove your details from our system.

This secure and convenient method is highly recommended for all parishioners who wish to make a financial contribution to our church.

To get started, simply scan the QR code and follow the prompt.





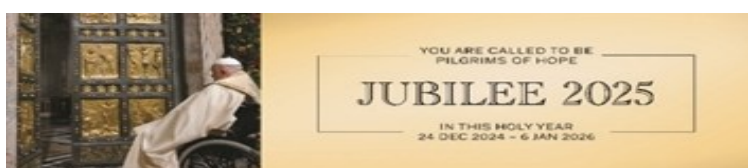
This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Jubilee Events for October 2025

11-12 October Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October—2 November Jubilee of the World of Education

The Jubilee of the World of Education celebrates all forms of education – early learning, school (both primary and secondary), and tertiary education.

All Welcome!

Gospel Reflection Group will continue meeting on **Tuesdays – 10:30am-11:30am** in the Parish Centre during the school term.



Craft Group

Friday, 24th October 10-12noon
Callahan Centre
Contact Deb Wiggins 0434 122 499



Youth Events

Youth Night

7:00pm—9:00pm

Saturday, 25th October, St Agatha's School Hall



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.

Children's Week 2025

18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights.
- Based on Article 42 of the UNCRC



- **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

Online · 20-24 October 2025

Keeping Children Safe

International Child Safeguarding Week

Child participation and safeguarding

#ICSW2025

International Child Safeguarding Week is a global campaign initiated by [Keeping Children Safe](https://www.keepingchildrensafe.org) to highlight that protecting children from exploitation and abuse is everyone's responsibility.

In 2025, the focus is on child participation in safeguarding, empowering children and young people to have a genuine voice in the decisions and practices that help keep them safe. This theme reminds us that safeguarding is not only something we do *for* children, but something we do *with* them.

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.



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 SERIES

Facilitated by Chris Ohlsen

Rekindle the Wonder

Pope Francis, in his 2022 Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (on the liturgical Formation of the People of God) encouraged us to **rekindle our wonder** in the liturgy and the celebration of the Sacraments. This presentation will scope out some core principles such as: **what is liturgy**, **what is liturgical sign and symbol**, as well as delving into the **who, what, where, why** and some **practical aspects** of the Sacraments.

An exciting and interactive formation opportunity for all Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Musicians, Servers, Parish Liturgical Commission Members, diocesan parish staff and interested parishioners.

Saturday 25 October
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Caroline Chisholm Centre
2/423 Pennant Hills Rd Pennant Hills
Morning tea and lunch provided



REGISTER NOW

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Session 4



Liturgical Formation Day Series Four – Rekindle the Wonder

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Advent Reflection Days for catechists

CCD Broken Bay invites our SRE catechists to attend a special reflection day to celebrate Advent. Our presenter, Caitlin Douglas, will lead our catechists on this reflection day titled 'Guided by the Stars'. Morning tea and lunch provided. To register, contact CCD Registrations by phone on 02 8379 1643 or email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au.

The Jubilee of Choirs -Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

To commemorate the Jubilee of Choirs, a **Festival of Song** will be held on Saturday 22 November (the Feast of Saint Cecilia), following the 5pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, and a light supper in the Cathedral courtyard will follow. The **Festival of Song** will begin at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend this special Jubilee occasion

GOSFORD PARISH UPCOMING...

FATHER ROZO PALIC

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
@7PM
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

HEALING MASS
ADORATION
RECONCILIATION
PRAYER FOR INNER HEALING
INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS
LAYING OF HANDS



Come and share your gifts with our Parish!

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If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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