



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)

**For emergencies requiring a Priest
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

12 October, 2025

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

BAPTISMS FOR October 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:

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

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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, Garry Saliba, 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

Saints & Feast Days

Wednesday, 15th October—**St Teresa of Jesus**

Friday, 17th October—**St Ignatius of Antioch**

Saturday, 18th October—**St Luke**

Funeral Notice

The funeral service for **Giovanna Cipriano** will be held at St Agatha's Church at 11am Wednesday, 15th October.

May she rest in peace and may she experience all she had looked forward to in faith and hope.



Next Weekend's Reading

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-42; Luke 18:1-8

Next Week's Parish Ministers			19 October 2025		
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	U Dcunha J Baiju	J Siddle K Siddle	T Abrams K Abrams	M Mundackal S Mamachan	S Menezes C Menezes
Altar Prep	H Quinlan	E & R Pangilinan	Kos Family	Rossi Family	Menezes Family
Euch Minister	P Anderson T Anderson	T Cheung J Pinto K Holst	T & T Muscat M Soria D Wiggins	N Tomasovic S Thomas E Vitale	R D'Silva A Poile S Parsons
Music	Children's Choir 2		Jean-Marie	Choir	Group 5
Counters	B Vattoly A Quinlan H Quinlan	Floral Ministry	R Mudackal	Altar Society	T Anderson V Logan

Reflection:

First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17). On being cured of leprosy, Naaman comes to believe in the true God, and is lavish in his gratitude towards the prophet Elisha.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13). Paul tells Timothy that the work of preaching the Gospel will result in hardship, opposition and persecution.

Gospel (Luke 17:11-19). The story of ten people who were cured of leprosy by Jesus, and how only one came back to thank him.

The First Reading tells how on being cured of leprosy Naaman acknowledges Yahweh as the supreme and only God. However, when he tries to express his gratitude to Elisha, the prophet refuses to accept it, because it would suggest that the cure was due to him rather than to God. As commander of the Syrian army, Naaman was a Gentile.

This story prepares us for the Gospel account of the cure of ten lepers by Jesus, and how only one of them, a foreigner (a Samaritan), came back to thank him.

The stranger puts the Jews to shame.

His reaction anticipates the glad reception of the Good News by the Samaritans in Acts 8:1-25.



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.



Dear Parishioners,

We thank you for your attendance and support for last week's Annual Rosary Pilgrimage, in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary.

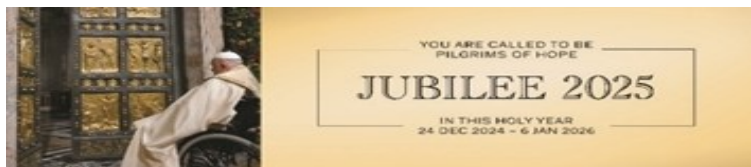
Petitions, prayers and hymns were offered up for the intentions of Our Lady; the Pope and our Parish Community.

Special thanks to the children who assisted in many aspects of the event and for all who contributed in some way to make the pilgrimage a success.

We thank God for the blessed weather for our annual event.

On behalf of Fr Raphael; Fr Peter; PPC and Legion of Mary, 'thank you'!





Jubilee Events for October 2025

11-12 October Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October-2 November Jubilee of the World of Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Most Rev. David Walker, Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay, on Thursday, 16 October at 6.30pm. Please keep the 70 candidates and 1 adult candidate and their families in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



May the blessings of God be upon you.

Piety Store will be open during the practice.

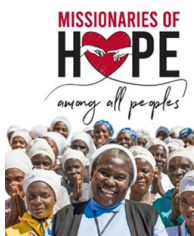
On Tuesday, October 14, the Piety Store will be open, from 3:45pm, during the Confirmation practice. This is an ideal time for Parents and Sponsors to purchase a gift and card for your Confirmation Candidate.



- **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.

Catholic Mission Fundraiser next Weekend, 18/19 October



The parish will hold the Catholic Mission Appeal next weekend at all Masses. Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, Catholic Mission forms Australians for mission and raises funds for mission — in Australia and around the world. Your support of this fundraiser is appreciated.

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.

Our Lady of Dolours, Legion of Mary Presents:

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Designed and created by Saint Carlo Acutis

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Open 8am to 8pm

Harrington Hall:
(access through St Pius X College playground from Ferguson Lane, Chatswood NSW 2067)

Enquiries 02 9410 9000
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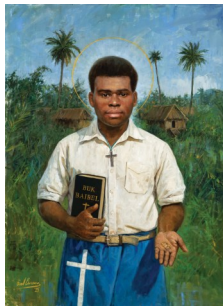
Our Lady OF DOLOURS

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.**



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

3RD ANNIVERSARY SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Main Celebrant

Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo

19TH OCTOBER
SUNDAY @ 6PM

GOSFORD PARISH



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.

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)



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

If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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