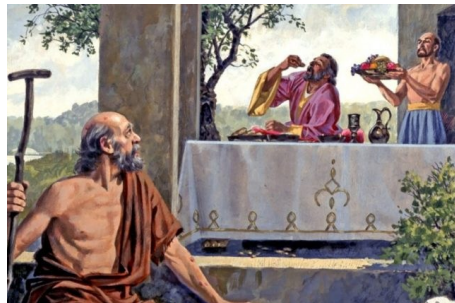




Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

28 September, 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

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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TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans,

they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

BAPTISMS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2025

As a faith community, we pray for Abigail D'Silva, Audrey Gill, Noah Mendoza and Kaia Robinson.



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.

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be included for three months, please contact the Parish office

Please pray for our recently deceased:

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

Monday, 29th September — **Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

Tuesday, 30th September — **St Jerome**

Wednesday, 1st October — **St Therese of the Child Jesus**

Thursday, 2nd October — **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Saturday, 4th October — **St Francis of Assisi**

Kindly note that the First Friday Adoration is paused until further notice.

Next Weekend's Reading

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Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-9

Next Week's Parish Ministers			5 October 2025		
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	U Dcunha G Hall	K Holst R D'Souza	S Perera A Perera	K Kottaram M Parackal	L D'Silva S D'Silva
Altar Prep	F & C Zaragoza	P Cheung	J Carey	R Surya	D'Silva Family
Euch Minister	P Anderson T Anderson A Casey	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	T Papandrea V Frizza T Abdipranoto	N Tomasovic S Thomas E Vitale	M Chan J Pinto V Logan
Music	Christian & Leisha		L Spiteri	M Berry	P Newton
Counters	K MacRae T MacRae A Setiwan	Floral Ministry	T De La Conception	Altar Society	L Jackson M & P Murphy

Vox Populi



Jubilee of Catechists

From Friday, 26th September to Sunday, 28th September, the Church will celebrate the Jubilee of Catechists, a part of the Holy Jubilee 2025.

Catechists play an important role within the life of the Church, but its one that can sometimes be hidden away.

Through the work of The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Broken Bay, catechists are sent into public schools to provide Catholic Special Religious Education to young people. CCD catechists undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith. For more and more people within our public school system, they have not heard of Jesus Christ or the Gospel, and so catechists can often represent their first encounter with the Good News.

The Jubilee also celebrates those who run Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) within their parishes, helping to introduce adults to the life of the Church and the fullness of the Christian faith.

For many Saints, being a catechist has been an important part of their life and their sanctification.

Saint Carlo Acutis, who was canonised earlier this month, served his parish as a catechist, helping to teach people about the faith.

Blessed Peter To Rot, who will be canonised in October, was also a catechist in his village and helped to lead his parish during World War II when the Catholic missionaries were imprisoned by Imperial Japanese forces.

If you haven't considered being a catechist, now may be the time to start thinking about it. Maybe you feel called to help bring adult converts into the Church? Maybe you feel called to introduce the Gospel and Jesus Christ to children who have never heard of the Good News before?

We pray for all our catechists and teachers, who help instruct people in the faith and bring them into a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists.

We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them the wisdom to know what to teach; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy;

and that loving zeal which leads others

to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Amen.

We warmly welcome Fr Raphael back from his leave.
We hope his time away was restful and filled with blessings.
May the Lord bless him as he returns to serve our community.

Fr Peter will be away on his annual leave for the month of
October. We wish him a pleasant and blessed time back home.

During Fr Peter's absence till Friday, 31st October, there will be
no 6.30am Mass on Mondays & Thursdays in October.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Sunday, 5th October
11.30am
around St Agatha's Church & School
with sausage sizzle to follow

All Welcome



Invitation by Our Lady of Fatima

Reminder: Saturday, 4 October 2025, is the 5th and Final in the series of 5 x first Saturday's "invitation by Our Lady of Fatima" – receive Holy Communion (Mass); go to Confession; recite 5 decades of the Rosary and to keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her.

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am – 9:30 am Reconciliation and Rosary

Hope you can join us.

(Priests; PPC & Legion of Mary)



SVdP provides assistance to people in immediate crisis (food, clothing, bills) call 9477 5010.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Reflection:

First Reading (Amos 6:1, 4-7).

Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

As Jesus was faithful to his call in face of an hostility that led to his death, so his disciples facing persecution should be faithful to God's call.

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31).

We hear the story of a very rich man who ignored the plight of a beggar sitting at his gate. He refused to share even the crumbs from his table.

Amos was the prophet of social justice. He spoke to the wealthy of both Judah and Israel, who were unconcerned about what was happening to the country, which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. Indeed, by their lifestyle they were undermining the very fabric of society and they hadn't the slightest concern for the plight of the poor. Amos warned them that they would be the first to be led off into exile.

This is precisely the sin of the rich man in the Gospel: cushioned by a lavish, self-indulgent lifestyle, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. Some of the harshest words in the Bible are directed at the uncaring rich. The rich man was condemned, not because he was rich, but because he didn't show compassion to the poor man. He lived only for himself.

Youth Ministry

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



BBQ Volunteers Needed—Sunday Oct 12

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





Jubilee Events for July 2025

28 September Jubilee of Catechists ([Resources](#))



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

Safeguarding

Brought to you by the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

October provides several key opportunities to reflect on safeguarding, mental health, and the wellbeing of all in our communities:

- **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.

**Cancer Support Group meets this Wednesday,
1st October at 7.30pm** at the parish office.

A gathering for prayer, reflection and fellowship.
For enquiries, please contact Tony on 0499 771 394

Got furniture to donate?

The *Manning Foundation*, a local charity based in Telopea, supports people in need through various services and their op shop.

They welcome donations of furniture in good condition. If you have something to give, please contact the office at 9683 7555



Manning Foundation

Sacrament of Confirmation Program



A reminder that the practice for all children preparing for Confirmation will be held in the Church on Tuesday 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.

We're Hiring – Parish Administrative Assistant

Pennant Hills Parish is seeking a part-time Parish Administrative Assistant (2–4 days per week, up to 26 hours) to support the Parish Priest and community.

Applications close **30 September 2025**.
For details, please contact St Agatha's Parish Office.

Faith-based positions at Mount St Benedict College

- **Ministry Resource Teacher &
(Temporary) Liturgy and Prayer Resource Teacher**

Applications Close: Friday 10 October 2025
Please visit their website for further details.



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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