



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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26 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)

**For emergencies requiring a Priest
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TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33(34):2-3,17-19,23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

BAPTISMS FOR October 2025

As a faith community, we pray for Jack Mayers.



Please pray for the sick in our community:

Amanda Campbell, Vince D'Costa, 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:

barbara Matthews, 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

Saints & Feast Days

Tuesday, 28 October - **Sts Simon and Jude**

Book of Remembrance

Offering Mass and prayer for the Holy Souls

In November we pray for the holy souls, those who have gone before us in faith.

Throughout November, we shall have the Book of Remembrance. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Special envelopes are available to make an offering.

Next Weekend's Reading

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Time Year C
Isaiah 25:6-9, Romans 5:5-11, Luke 7:11-17

Next Week's Parish Ministers			2 November 2025		
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	U Dcunha G Hall	L Cau L Cau	S de Silva P Houchin	C Yan A Dsouza	A Cleland R Cleland
Altar Prep	T Ponn	D Salvestro	Casey Family	R Surya	D'Silva 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	Christian & Leisha		Louisa	Mark Berry	Paul Newton
Counters	M Thomas G Thomas R Gomes	Floral Ministry	T Cecilia	Altar Society	A Budhi V Pereira

Reflection:

First Reading (Sirach 35:12-14,16-19).

God shows no partiality for the rich and powerful, but listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18).

Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that death is drawing near, but his confidence is unshaken and his hope of the 'crown of glory' is bright.

Gospel (Luke 18:9-14).

Today's readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money and power are everything, the 'little people' don't have a chance. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works and his keeping of the law.

Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he's a sinner, so he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness.

The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous while despising everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.



November is a special time to pray for the dead.

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2

November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining

the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

(Norms 15.7)

Parish Calendar

October Anointing Mass - Wed, 29th October 11am

Mental Health Awareness Mass - Thurs, 30th Oct 7pm

All Saints' Day Mass - Fri, 31st Oct 7pm (Vigil)
Sat, 1st Nov 8am

All Souls' Day Mass - Sat, 1st Nov 6pm (Vigil)
Sun, 2nd Nov 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

Remembrance Day Mass - Wed, 19th Nov 7pm

Family Mass - Sun, 16th Nov 9am

PPC - Tues, 25th Nov

November Anointing Mass - Wed, 26th Nov 11am

PWBB November Appeal - month of November

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance - 1st-4th Weekends Nov



Jubilee Events for October - November 2025

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.

16 November - Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November - Jubilee of Choirs

ALPHA

On behalf of the parish, we would like to congratulate the 25 participants and the Alpha team members who have completed the Alpha Course over the past several weeks. To celebrate, a social night will be held on Tuesday 4th November at 7.00pm in the Martin Hall (St Agatha's school hall). This invitation is open to anyone – a wonderful opportunity to meet the participants, hear their testimonies, and enjoy some classic Alpha hospitality with great food and fellowship. Why not come along and bring a friend.



Youth Events

Youth Night

7:00pm—9:00pm

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

ALL WELCOME!

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



Ladies Lunch – 3rd Tuesday of every month from 12 Noon at Hotel Pennant Hills (opposite the Station).

Men's Lunch – 2nd Tuesday of every month from 12 noon at the Galston Club.



Join us for a festive COMBINED MEN'S & LADIES'

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday, 2nd December

12noon Hotel Pennant Hills
352 Pennant Hills Road (opp. Station)

RSVP by Monday, 24th Nov to the Parish Office
Enquiries: 9484 1427 or stagathas@bbcatholic.org.au
Please advise any dietary requirements.



Dear friends,

We need your generosity and support!

Our Diocese of Broken Bay will be launching at the start of November the Pastoral Works (PWBB) November Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community.

These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during November.

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!



HOLY MASS

**TO PRAY WITH AND FOR PEOPLE
LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES**

OCTOBER

THURSDAY

30

7:00 PM

All Welcome

Light Supper will follow

ST AGATHA'S PARISH, PENNANT HILLS
20 BOUNDARY RD, PENNANT HILLS

Invitation to Mental Health Awareness Mass

Mental health is an important part of our wellbeing, and we invite all members of our community - no matter where they are on their mental health journey - to join us for this Mass.



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

Please register your attendance via email –
mission@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

iWitness Conference 2025 – Young Adults (18–35 yrs)

The annual **iWitness Conference** will be held from **11–14**

December 2025 in Cobbity, Sydney. Since World Youth Day 2008, iWitness has been helping young adults grow in their Catholic faith, make lasting friendships, and experience the joy of living out their faith together.

For more information and registration, visit www.iwitnessaustralia.com or search *iWitness Australia* on Facebook/Instagram.

CCD Broken Bay

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.

CCD Ministry Induction (CCD MI) training for new catechists

Our CCDMI course is being offered again in Term 4. The sessions will be held on Zoom, across eight (8) Monday mornings, from 10am-12.15pm.

CCD Registrations will be in touch with catechists who have units to complete. Contact CCD Registrations on 02 8379 1643 or email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au if you have any questions. Those interested in becoming a catechist should enquire with their local Parish Office or Parish Catechist Coordinator for more information.

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.



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



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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