



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Year C

12 January, 2025

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

TODAY'S READINGS

OUR MASSES

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

OUR SACRAMENTS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 1pm - 2pm
Saturday: after 8am Mass

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 Stephen Wayoyi AJ **Assistant Priest**
Chatty Zaragoza **Parish Secretary**
Anne Bailey **Parish Worker (Seniors)**
Tina Muscat **Catechist & Sacramental Coordinator**

**For emergencies requiring a Priest
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Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

Baptisms for January

As a faith community, we pray for
Luke Joseph Burfitt



Please pray for the sick in our community:

Ramon Pimentel, Marilu Eguaras, Anthony Walters, Bro Rizki W, Eva Grace del Gallego, Caroline Ugarte, Jenny Jones, Antonia Harkin, Mick & Dianne Carroll, Kate McFadzen, Aileen Feeney, Evelyn Mousa, Hans, Denis Murphy, Marion Coglán, Patricia Farley, Precious Tamayo, Romana Choi Sung Ah, Eleanor Raftery, Paul Gooley, Andrew Chung, Margaret Donges, Linda Garrett, Michael Thom, Jill Howcroft, Cath Hennessey, Michel Lyons, Henry Field, Jane McGirr, Jo Helmers, Anita Lozaga, Colin Garrity, Gerard Kenny, Vic Juan, Kain Hatch, Pammie Lee, Louise Williams, Michael Dudman, Siena Maria Burns, Mary Kent, Becky Lozano, Michael & Joan Bradley, Sarah Raftery, Jose & Josefina Carreno, Ramon Quizon, Leslie Styles, Joe Lozaga, Margaret Doyle, Dorina Petre, Peter Goh, Alvito Gracias.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Dorothy Keohane, Juan (Jimmy) Gimenez, Rhondda Lucas, Edward Werbicki, Peter Chua Cheng Hin, Patria Tolentino, Fr Michael O'Toole, Michael Lennon, Ignacio Cristaudo, Agnello Mendes, Terry Twohill, Reg Millett, Adam Christopher King, Mary Peterson, Deirdre Clear, Evelyn Yvonne Koelmeyer.

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Wilfred Lobo, Hilda Thomas, Michael Rochford, Nicola Rochford, Leah & Patrick Sequeira, Prisca & Aloysius Gomes, Gretchen de Rosairo, Margaret Vaz & Cassian Rodrigues, Kisani de Saram.



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

Friday, 17 January - **Saint Anthony, abbot**



Parking in front of the Church

Due to safety concerns, please follow marked directions and leave all spaces for those with mobility issues. Please do not park directly in front of the entrance of the Church (under Church portico) at any time. Thank you.

Next Weekend's Readings: 2nd Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Next Week's Parish Ministers		19 January 2025			
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	G Hall J Vattoly	A Woods K Holst	B Myers E Leung	C Man Yan S Kottaram	J Marsh C Marsh
Prep	N Tomasovic	D Salvestro	Myers Family	R Surya	D'Silva Family
Euch Minister	Volunteer Volunteer T Mamachan	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	B Myers L Myers T Abdipranoto	T Muscat T Muscat A Rangel	M Chan L Pereira V Logan
Music	Children's Choir 2		Jean-Marie	Choir	Group 5
Counters	J Giuliano K Siddle J Siddle	Floral Ministry		Altar Society	A Budhi

Reflection:

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7). God's grace and love are manifested in Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). We hear a small sample of the preaching of John the Baptist, and are given a brief account of the baptism of Jesus.

In the First Reading, Isaiah the prophet assures the exiles in Babylon that God is coming to save them. The prophecy was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus.

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus - it marked the beginning of his public ministry. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. It's no surprise then that we find him praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their mission. The Father declares: "This is my son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



Jubilee events for January, 2025

Friday-Sunday, 24-26 January: Jubilee of the World of Communications.

We acknowledge the work of journalists, print, radio & TV media personnel and all who create and maintain internet, website and social media content.

Pope Francis calls on people to share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

A Quick Journey through Salvation History

A free 8 session course will be offered for

Young Adults (aged 18-35) **after 6pm**

Sunday Mass in the Parish Centre. You are invited to join this Bible Study group where we will watch a DVD and share our thoughts as well as sharing a meal together. **Session 1 begins Sunday, 2nd February** and continues each fortnight till 11th May. For further information, contact the Parish Office (9484 1427).



ALL WELCOME!

Men's Lunch—from 12noon, **this Tuesday, 14 January** at the Galston Club.

Next Ladies Lunch—from 12noon, **Tuesday, 21 January** at Hotel Pennant Hills (opposite the Station).

Enquiries: Anne Bailey—anne.bailey@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone 9484 1427.

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.