



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

19 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:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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.

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

Tuesday, 21 January - **Saint Agnes**

Friday, 24 January - **Saint Francis de Sales**

Saturday, 25 January—**The Conversion of St Paul**

Sunday, 26 January—**Australia Day**

Indonesian Community Mass at 3:30pm, Saturday, 25th Jan.

Next Weekend's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Next Week's Parish Ministers		26 January 2025			
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	D Mockler T Messina	R D'Souza C Zaragoza	M Encarnacion S Gabrael	T Muscat N Rodrigues	S Menezes C Menezes
Prep	T Ponn	Volunteer	Kos Family	T Mamachan	Pereira Family
Euch Minister	P Anderson T Anderson A Casey	K Holst Volunteer Volunteer	C Gould T Papandrea Volunteer	T Mamachan S Thomas E Vitale	R D'Silva A Poile S Parsons
Music	Ray & Sarah		Youth Choir	Pimenta Family	Ray & Marea
Counters	J Giuliano K Siddle J Siddle	Floral Ministry		Altar Society	A Budhi

Reflection:

First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5). We hear of a new wedding feast between God and his people.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Though there are many spiritual gifts, they all come from the same Spirit, and should be used for building up the community.

Gospel (John 2:1-12). Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. The changing of water into wine is a symbol of the old order yielding to the new.

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, God has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will enter into a new wedding covenant.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine, as in today's Gospel. The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism - all are epiphanies (or manifestations) of his glory.



Jubilee event: Friday-Sunday, 24-26 January, 2025
Jubilee of the World of Communications.



Craft Group

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - **next meeting** 10-12noon, **24 January**, Parish Centre
Contact Deb Wiggins 0434 122 499

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 Eilia Keyhane -

eilia.key@hotmail.com or Ph: 0435 162 957.



ALL WELCOME!

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

Gospel Reflection Group will begin at the start of Lent – first week of March.

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

Parking in front of the Church

Bollards have been installed directly in front of the entrance of the Church (under Church portico). **Please park in designated spaces only** and leave the area between the Church and Parish Office for staff and those with mobility issues.

Thank you for your co-operation.