



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C 29 December 2024

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:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 83(84):2-3, 5-6, 9-10

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025**



CONVERSION

COMMUNITY

MISSION

Baptisms for December

As a faith community, we pray for
Lily Isobel McRae, Darcy Thomas Abrams,
Nicholas Alberto Soliman



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 Loyzaga, 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 Loyzaga, Margaret Doyle, Dorina Petre, Peter Goh, Alvito Gracias.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

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, Aarti Byrne, Adam Christopher King, Mary Peterson, Deirdre Clear, Evelyn Yvonne Koelmeyer, Frederick de Sayrah.

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, C S Goretti, Beatrice Doughty, Kosu D'Souza.



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

Funeral Notice



The funeral service for Peter Chua Cheng Hin will be held at St Agatha's Church at 11am, Monday, 30th December 2024.

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

Next Weekend's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week's Parish Ministers		5 January 2025			
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	T Higgins N Fonglland	J Siddle K Siddle	M Rodrigues P Rodrigues	N Pimenta S Pimenta	S D'Silva L D'Silva
Prep	V D'Costa	P Cheung	Leung Family	Rossi Family	Menezes Family
Euch Minister	Volunteer Volunteer T Higgins	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	C Gould Volunteer T Papandrea	P Anderson T Anderson S Kottaram	M Chan M D'Silva V Logan
Music	Christian & Leisha		Louisa	Mark Berry	Paul Newton
Counters	J Corbett M Thomas G Thomas	Floral Ministry		Altar Society	T Anderson V Logan M del Gallego

Reflection:

First Reading (1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28). Samuel was a very special child. Hannah saw him as a gift from God, a sign of God's favour to her. She dedicated him to the Lord. In due time Samuel made his own that dedication, and went on to play a major role in the history of Israel. In truth, every child is a gift from God. All parents have hopes and dreams for their children, but parents can't determine the future for their children. The children must make their own choices.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2,21-24). We are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Gospel (Luke 2:41-52). This tells the story of how 12-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem. It shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We are inclined to say that "Jesus got lost in the Temple." Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, he was at home there. It was there he began to find himself, and to discover his true identity. He was not just the son of Mary, but the unique Son of God.

Joseph and Mary were entrusted with the raising of the child Jesus, who grew in wisdom and stature under their care. Today is an opportunity to honour the Holy Family and to be inspired by them.

The family unit is the foundation of any society and civilization. If the family life is strong, if the values that guide family life are strong, if they are values of love, generosity, peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, understanding, co-operation, self-sacrifice, self-control then this serves society and serves all humanity.

Remember the Lord wishes to be the foundation and strength of your marriage and family life.



Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Liturgies so meaningful and beautiful.

The priests and parish team thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts received during the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us and for your generosity to others outside the parish.

The Parish Office will be closed from 12noon, Tues, 24th December and reopens 9am, Thurs, 2nd January 2025.

For emergencies requiring a Priest, please call **0478 386 277**.

WELCOME

to our parish community

A word of welcome to all parishioners and visitors to St Agatha's parish this holiday season.

We are glad to have you with us!

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.