



6 September 2026

Year A

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear parishioners and friends of St Agnes,

First Holy Communion

This coming week around 85 children of our parish will receive holy communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.



Fathers Day

A big, happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our lives. We hope you have a great day and that the year ahead is full of blessings for you.

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal



Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call **1800 024 413**.



Sick and Retired Priests

A Father's Day collection for priests is a special diocesan appeal held on the Father's Day weekend to provide financial support, medical care, and housing for retired, sick, or infirm clergy of the Diocese. Please give generously to help care for the clergy who have spent decades serving our Catholic communities. Donation envelopes are available from the churches and the chapels. These can be placed in the collection bags at masses or returned to the Pastoral Office. Thank you.



St Agnes' Community Day



St Agnes' Community Day, Sunday 22 November, the Solemnity of Christ the King is on for the third year at St Joseph's Regional College from 11.00am to 2.00pm. The focus this year will be on **Mass**, **hospitality** and **children's activities**. We are not asking for registrations this year but would love you to sign up to be kept informed of what is



happening, and of course to volunteer in some capacity if you are able to. Please use the QR code.

OUR VISION

"Everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God."

OUR MISSION

The St Agnes' Parish Community strives to make our Vision a reality by a commitment to:

- holiness in the image of Christ.
- minister within the faith community.
- proclaim the good news of salvation.
- the service of all, particularly those in need.



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Blessing Prayer for Fathers

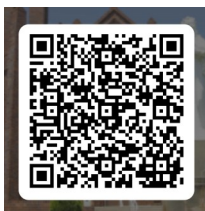
Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on men who are fathers.
For those who in the night worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.
For those who in the day work and struggle to
provide for their child, send them your strength.
For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.
For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their
child,
you share in their joy.
Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with fathers, in the light times and the dark.
Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of
your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children and all who they
encounter.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARIST28

An invitation is extended to all parishioners and those who are new to the Parish to complete a short survey on the Eucharist as part of our preparation for the congress in 2028. While the Congress itself shouldn't be the reason for talking about and discussing the Eucharist, it has given us the impetus to ask if we can / could be doing something more to what already is being done. To this end we are asking that four questions be reflected upon. These relate to the four pillars that parishes have been asked to discern:

1. ***What can we do as a parish to strengthen Eucharistic formation before 2028?***
2. ***How can we as a parish strengthen liturgical life? (Worship).***
3. ***Which Corporal Work(s) of Mercy most need renewal in living out the Eucharist? (Living). and***
4. ***How can we reach out to share the Eucharist with others? (Evangelisation).*** These can

be answered online through the following QR code or [link available here](#). A hard copy is available from the Pastoral Office should this be a better option.



Contact: tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au (0436941280) for further information, or the link to be provided.

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September 2026



National Child Protection Week will run from September 6 to 12, 2026, focusing on the theme "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action".

Coordinated by the [National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect \(NAPCAN\)](#), this annual campaign brings communities together across Australia to keep children and young people safe, supported, and heard. **This year National Child Protection Week is driving a stronger national focus on shifting conversations into meaningful action.**

Conversations can spark ideas, build understanding and encourage reflection. But meaningful change happens when those conversations lead to practical action that strengthens support for children and families.

National Child Protection Week helps turn conversation into action by bringing people across Australia together to share ideas, strengthen communities and prevent harm before it occurs. While the Week creates an important national moment, the campaign continues throughout the year, encouraging all of us to take steps that help children feel heard, valued, safe and supported.

By shifting conversation to action, we can help build communities where every child experiences real safety, care and protection.

Adoration

Every Wednesday during the school term in St Francis of Assisi Chapel, 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

Every second Saturday of the month in St Agnes' Church after the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11am. The next opportunity is 12 September.

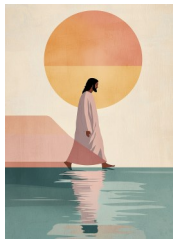
Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League members will be hosting a thank you morning tea for all those who have contributed in any way to Wrap with Love. So please come along and join us at the Tension Woods Centre, Lochinvar Place, on Friday the 2 October at 10 am. For further information please contact Veronica on 0413386686 or Helen on 65855391.

Did you know.....?

Our three Early Learning Centres have a strong partnership with Newman College and have recently visited their brand-new Early Childhood Classroom, where students delivered a program in the very space they learn in—creating meaningful connections and inspiring future pathways in early childhood education.

Journey into the Catholic Faith



If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments come and join our weekly Journey into the Catholic Faith for Adults sessions commencing at 5.45pm on Tuesday 22 September. Participants are required to register an expression of

interest by completing the online form at

[Journey into the Catholic Faith 2026-2027 \(18 years and over\) – Fill out form](#)

(or scan the QR code).

For enquiries, please email

Vanessa.Denham@stagnesparish.org.au



Baptism

We pray for Thomas Hardaker, Avery Sutton, and Bowie, Remi and Koa Pedro-Newman as they are gifted with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of baptism. May the Lord look lovingly on these children and their families.



St Agnes' Gift Shop

The St Agnes' gift shop, located in the Pastoral Office, beside the church, will open on Sunday 6 September following the 9.00am Mass. The shop has a wide range of gifts, come and have a browse. We now accept EFTPOS transactions.

Ladies Coffee Morning

A ladies coffee morning is held the second Thursday of the month at Caramels - Lake Cathie near Woolworths at 10.30am. The next morning tea is this coming Thursday 10 September and all are very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Jenny on [0402 814 240](tel:0402814240).

Adult Formations



Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations from the Catholic Theological College which invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world.

Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as spirituality and secularism, synodality, science

and faith issues, canon law, the Gospels of Matthew and John, clergy wellbeing, Eucharist, Magnifica Humanitas and AI.

The cost is \$25.00 per session for general audience.

To register, scan the QR code or visit the website

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

for further details.



Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Bryan Longhurst, Jan Taylor, David Landers, Kim Osborne, Janice Minogue, Margaret MacBean.

Anniversaries: Beryl Thomas, John & Kathleen Thomas, Hilton Dodds, Robert & Molly Friggens.

Other Intentions: Kane Henderson, Kathleen Woods, Susan Brooks, John A & John P Woods, Garry Brooks, Rev Fr Andrew Rooney, Gan & Field Families, Marie & Patrick Mullens, Mary Clark, Margaret Gallagher, Barbara Riordan, Win Rohan, Peggy Collins, and masses of thanksgiving and donor intentions.

Father's Day Intentions: Bevan Ellem, Donald Connelly, Allan & David Woods, William & John Brooks, all fathers both living and deceased.



ENCOUNTER

Encounter Fundraising: Our Youth and Young Adults will be holding a bake sale after each Mass on the weekend of 19-20 September. Please purchase some of our yummy treats. All proceeds go towards supporting youth ministry in our parish.

Encounter Youth & Kids

Encounter Youth & Kids invites all primary and high school students to join us on Friday 11 September! Come along for a fun evening of games, friendship, faith, and community. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning young people. 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the St Agnes' Community Centre.

Encounter Young Adults

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join us each Thursday evening from 6pm at the St Agnes Community Centre. Over the coming weeks, we'll be exploring the Eucharist together through prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Whether you've been before or are new to the group, we'd love to welcome you. To stay connected and join our WhatsApp group, contact Christa.

For Youth Ministry enquiries, please contact:

christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

The Gathering

The Gathering will be held at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Sawtell on 12 September at 11.30am. This is an opportunity for young people from across the Diocese of Lismore to come together and celebrate the launch of Catholic Youth Lismore.

St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH



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Assistant Priest

Father Proencio Bognay

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9.00am-4.30pm Wednesday

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c/o St Agnes' Pastoral Office

PO Box 23 Port Macquarie 2444

Feedback to Parish

Complaints, concerns and feedback (both positive and negative)

can be made by emailing:

parish.feedback@stagnesparish.org.au

c/o St Agnes' Parish Administration

Feedback: PO Box 1736 Port Macquarie

Liturgical Celebrations

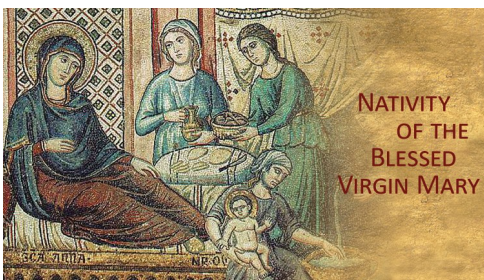
23rd Week in Ordinary Time (Year A/2)

Tuesday 8 September

[The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin](#)

[Mary](#)

Feast



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday 9 September

[St Peter Claver](#)

Optional

Saturday 12 September

[The Most Holy Name of Mary](#)

Optional

General Mass Times in St Agnes' Catholic Parish

(Please note: There are occasions when these Mass times may change.

Please ensure you read the inside of the newsletter for changes).

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 9.30am or 11.00am Residential aged care only

12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Wednesday: 9.30am St Francis of Assisi Chapel

6.00pm St Bernard's Church

Thursday: 12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

4.30pm Christ the King Chapel

Friday: 12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Saturday: 5.00pm St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Reconciliation: Friday: 11.30am - 12 noon; Saturday: 11.30am - 12.30pm

COVID Awareness

Please continue to be mindful and respectful of each other and do not attend if you are unwell or have any cold/flu-like symptoms.

Suggested Streaming of Masses

Sunday 9.00am - Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Lismore. [YouTube Channel](#);

Daily Mass on Demand

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjiVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Mass for you at Home: Sunday 6.00am streamed on Channel 10.

Reflections: Lismore Diocese [YouTube Channel](#); [Fr Paul Daily Reflections](#)

Roster 13 September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am:

SAC: Denise Smith

R1: Pauline Day

R2: Kevin Lewis

C: Joan Lancaster

EMHC: Michael O'Brien

Sandy Luschwitz

Welcomer: Wendy Welsh

MO: Wendy Welsh

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R1: SJPS

R2: SJPS

C: SJPS

EMHC: SJPS

Welcomer: SJPS

CLW: Holly Hough

SJPS

9.00am:

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R1: Anne Hayek

R2: Wendy Schumann

C: Beth Flynn

EMHC: Cathy Hawtin

Alan Wheatland

Welcomer: Gavin Smith (S)

Volunteer

CLW: Sara Nunez

Daniel Barakat

Tuesday 12.05pm, 15 September

SAC: Sue Williams

R: Trish McCann

Thursday 12.05pm, 17 September

SAC: Leone Flanagan

R: Tony Worner

Friday 12.05pm, 18 September

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R: Zac Parnell

Psalm: MacKillop College



Diocesan Investment Fund

4.15%

effective 1/8/2026

The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday

9.00am - 1.00pm. Phone Veronica or

Mary for any enquiries on

6583 7439. All enquiries outside

these hours phone 1800 802 516.

St Agnes' Catholic Parish Library

Library opening times

Thursday 10am - 12pm

Friday 10am - 2pm

Safeguarding Office. If you have any Safeguarding concerns contact the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone

(02) 6621 9444 or email:

safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au.

A copy of the Safeguarding Newsletter is available from the St Agnes' Church foyer or the Pastoral Office.