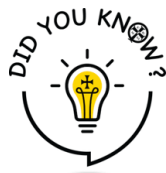




20 September 2026

Year A

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Under the 1983 Code of Canon Law, a priest normally may celebrate or concelebrate only one Mass per day.

Exceptions:

- Two Masses in one day: The local Ordinary (normally the diocesan bishop) may permit this for a just cause, especially where there is a shortage of priests.
- Three Masses: The local Ordinary may permit three Masses on Sundays and holy days of obligation when pastoral necessity requires it.
- Certain liturgical occasions have specific permissions, including Christmas Day, All Souls' Day, Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday, and certain episcopal or pastoral events.

"Bination" means celebrating twice in one day; "Trination" means celebrating three times. These are not generally a priest's personal choice but are governed by canon law and, where required, the bishop's authorisation.

Don't tell anyone, but Fr Prodeacio and I break the law often by committing Bination and Trination and sometimes even Quadrination on a daily basis in order to serve the needs of the parish.....

School News

I wish to advise parishioners of the following:

Troy Baker, Principal of St Joseph's Primary School has been appointed as Principal of St Augustine's Primary School, Coffs Harbour beginning 28 January 2027.

Jeannine Ucderele, St Joseph's Primary School has been appointed as Principal of St Joseph's Primary School, West Kempsey beginning 27 January, 2027.

Tess Koning, Principal of St Peter's Primary School has been appointed as the School Services Partner (Hastings) with the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Office beginning in the new year.

Karen Robson, Assistant Principal at St Peter's Primary School and a foundational member of the St Peter's staff when the school opened in 1993 has announced her retirement at the end of this year.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to wish all four mentioned above, all the very best for the future and I thank them sincerely for all that they have done for our parish schools and our parish.



A BIG thank you to all those who made the First Holy Communion services last week so special for the children of our parish. The staff of our schools, our musicians and ministers, IT operators, Altar servers, all those involved in the formation sessions, our parish office staff and especially our Sacramental Co-ordinator Vanessa Denham, who, as always, did a fantastic job. To everyone....Thank you.

Paul Goolley

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.



UNCOMPROMISING
INTEGRITY

Safeguarding Training Reminder

Every person who volunteers with us — whether at Mass, in our schools, at parish events, in pastoral ministry or our many services — plays a role in keeping our community safe. Safeguarding isn't paperwork or box-ticking; it's a direct expression of our faith.

All volunteers need to complete (or refresh) their Safeguarding Training by 15 December 2026. This includes both volunteers completing initial training for the first time, and those due for their 3-year cyclical refresher. If this is not completed, we are putting ourselves at risk and as a Parish, we cannot do this, therefore no volunteer can continue their work unless this is done please.

If you're unsure whether your training is up to date, or need help accessing the training, please contact Katie Hayward katie.hayward@stagnesparish.org.au. Thank you for taking this responsibility seriously — it's how we ensure St Agnes' Catholic Parish remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone, especially our children and most vulnerable community members.

Baptism

We pray for Daisy Howell and Millie Howell as they are gifted with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of baptism. May the Lord look lovingly on their families.



Sick & Retired Priests Annual Collection

Donation envelopes are available from our churches and chapels. These can be placed in the collection bags at Masses or returned to the Pastoral Office.

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 or link

[St Agnes' Community Day.](https://www.stagnesparish.org.au)



Eucharist28 Update - Walking with Christ

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ("Eucharist28") will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond. **The journey to Eucharist28 has begun!**

Our lives this side of heaven are a continuous journey of walking with Christ. We are called to walk alongside Him during our trials and our triumphs. In Micah 6:8, scripture tells us, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

This journey of walking with Christ is **interior**, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions.

In 2028, the global church that gathers in Sydney for Eucharist28 will have an opportunity to be pilgrims by participating in the Eucharistic Procession. This journey through the streets of Sydney will be a witness to our nation and our world, as tens of thousands of pilgrims walk alongside Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives.

Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.



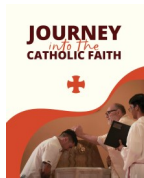
Police Remembrance Day



September 29 is National Police Remembrance Day. It is celebrated on this day as it is also the feast day of St Michael the Archangel who is the patron saint of police. St Michael is recognised as an archangel by the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths. It is a day for police to pause and honour officers whose lives have been lost while performing their duty as a police officer. This important day is also a time to remember police officers who have lost their lives through illness or other circumstances.

The ceremony will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, West Kempsey on Tuesday 29 September at 10.00am. All are invited to attend. Following the service there will be morning tea in the Parish Hall.

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



Adult Formation

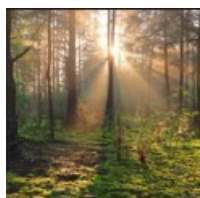
Faith: 1. Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations from the Catholic Theological College which invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such 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 for the October sessions, scan the QR code or visit the website

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/> for further details.



2. Online Courses for Cycle 7 with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) are now open. They begin on 26 October. Use the following link to see what is available VLCFF @ UD > Course Calendar or contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au for further information.

Spiritual: 3. A weekend Retreat on Prayer, Friendship with God with St Teresa of Avila. 27-29 November, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW. Facilitated by



Fr Aloysius Rego OCD. For more information, see flyers at the Church Entrance or contact Leanne Hyland on 0421927435.



Wrap with Love

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 10.00am. For further information please contact Veronica on 0413386686 or Helen on 65855391.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Myrna Acred, Paul Woodhouse, Bryan Longhurst, Maria Cardenas and Ismeia Campos.

Anniversaries: Paul Galea, Patricia Tyson.

Other Intentions: Michelle Alber, Sandra Turner, Marie & Patrick Mullens, Mary Clark, Margaret Gallagher, Barbara Riordan, Win Rohan, Peggy Collins, and masses of thanksgiving and donor intentions.



ENCOUNTER

Encounter Fundraising:

Thank you to those that have generously donated to our fundraising efforts. If you would still like to make a donation, envelopes are available from the Pastoral Office. All proceeds go towards supporting youth ministry in our parish.

Encounter Youth & Kids

Encounter Youth & Kids will take a break for the school holidays. We will return on 23 October.

Encounter Young Adults

Young Adults is taking a break for a few weeks and will return on Thursday 1 October. If you're a young person aged 18-35 and looking to get connected with other young adults in our parish, please get in touch with Christa. For Youth Ministry enquiries, please contact: christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

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 10 October.

Cenacle

Cenacle including Adoration and the Rosary occurs on the following days. Contact Rose for more information on 0415 435 135.

1. Wednesday at St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Lochinvar Place at 11.00am.
2. Thursday at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie at 2.00pm.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremonies

This coming week our year 12 students from Newman Senior Technical College, St Joseph's Regional College and MacKillop College will complete their 13 years of schooling with masses and graduation ceremonies. Both the students and their families will share in these celebrations. We congratulate all the Year 12 students and assure them of our continued support and prayers.

St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH



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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

25th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A/2)

Monday 21 September

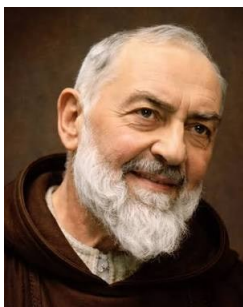
[St Matthew](#)

Feast

Wednesday 23 September

[St Pius of Pietrelcina](#) (Padre Pio)

Memorial



Saturday 26 September

[Sts Cosmas & Damian](#)

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/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

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

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

Roster 27 September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am:

SAC: Denise Smith

R1: Sandy Luschwitz

R2: Sandy Luschwitz

C: Bob Green

EMHC: May Hayek

Greg Grace

Welcomer: Volunteers

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R1: Brigitte Rieger

R2: Beth Flynn

C: Vanessa Denham

EMHC: Deb Rennes

Carol Briscoe

Welcomer: Jan O'Sullivan

Tuesday 12.05pm, 29 September

SAC: Sue Williams

R: Rene Barros

Thursday 12.05pm, 1 October

SAC: Leone Flanagan

R: Judy Brady

Friday 12.05pm, 2 October

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R: Kaye Stingel

9.00am:

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R1: Peter Johnson

R2: David Johnson

C: Judy Brady

EMHC: Rita Koenig

Jenny Hayek

Welcomer: Elizabeth Johnson (S)

Cathy Hawtin



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effective 1/8/2026

St Agnes' Catholic Parish Library

Library opening times

Thursday 10am - 12pm

Friday 10am - 2pm

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.

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.