



4 October 2026

Year A

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good Wine Requires Hard Work

Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

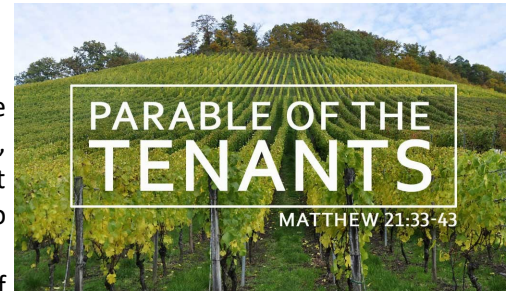
In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

Rev Prof Michael Tate © Liturgy Help



The Season of Creation

The **Season of Creation** ends on Sunday 4 October, the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi, though this feast isn't celebrated this year because it falls on a Sunday. However, we pray ...

God of earth, sea, and sky,
we indeed praise you and thank you for the wonders of creation.
From the dawn of all time to the present,
you have held the universe in your hands
and have shaped everything that has ever come into being.
For billions of years,
you have been creating and fashioning the beauty and terror,
the light and dark of the universe.
As we find ourselves at this moment in time,
a time of emerging awareness of the needs and integrity of the whole Earth,
we humbly ask forgiveness and guidance for being human.
Teach us what our role is in this large Schema of yours
and may we respond to the needs of our Earth with compassion and mercy.
This we ask in the name of All That Is. Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

54th International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28)

24 September—1 October 2028

Want to volunteer at this once in a lifetime event?

Check out the website <https://www.eucharist28.org/volunteer>. Want to learn more about

the Eucharist? Watch the series of podcasts. Now up to No.9. <https://www.eucharist28.org/resources>.



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

HSC Prayer Sponsors



As our Year 12 students begin their final preparation for the HSC exams. We ask all parishioners to consider being a prayer sponsor for our students. Exams start on Tuesday 13 October with the last exam on Thursday 5 November.

What is a prayer sponsor?

A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person with a specific intention in mind and at specific times. Knowing that someone is praying for you at a difficult time is a source of great strength and consolation.

Parishioners are invited to be prayer sponsors.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from a St Agnes' Parish Secondary School, please phone the Pastoral Office on 6583 1024. Details (student name, exams times and prayers to be offered) will be sent to you before the HSC exams commence on Thursday 13 October.

Baptism

We pray for Dillon Chaeger and Ashton Hall 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.



Adoration

No Adoration in St Francis of Assisi Chapel, 3.30pm-4.00pm until **Wednesday 14 October**.

NB. Now every first Saturday of the month in St Agnes' Church after the **Liturgy of the Word** at 11am. The next opportunity will be on Saturday 7 November.

Christian Meditation

Relax your mind, learn about contemplation and pray for others. Every Wednesday, St Francis of Assisi Chapel, 4.30 pm. All are welcome.

Public Holiday on Monday

A reminder that Monday 5 October is a public holiday, please note the following closures: St Agnes' Church, Pastoral Office, Parish Administration and the DIF Office.

Volunteers Needed

ST AGNES' COMMUNITY
day
SUNDAY, 22 NOV | 11am - 2pm



Volunteers are needed, if you can help, please register via the QR code or online [click this link](#).

Advance notice. The Community Day Mass celebrated at 11.00am will be the only Sunday Mass in the Parish on the weekend of 21 and 22 November.

World Mission Sunday Appeal

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



ROSARY opportunities during the month of October

*Wednesday, 7 October, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, after 9.30am Mass at St Francis of Assisi Chapel and after 6.00pm Mass at St Bernard's Telegraph Point.

***St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie:** A public Rosary held in the church grounds, on Saturday 17 October commencing at 10.00am. All are welcome to join in this beautiful prayer. For further information please contact Rose on 0415435135.

***Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary.** From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.



Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or

see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



Lake Cathie Change of Mass Time

Parishioners are reminded that the time for Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie, will change the weekend after daylight saving commences.

Please Note: From Saturday 10 October Mass will go back to the later time of 6.00pm.

Adult Formation

Faith: 1. The last *Spirituality on the Sofa/Spirituality in the Pub (SOS/SIP)* for 2026 concluding the theme of PEACE is on Wednesday 7 Oct, 7.30 – 9.00 pm via Zoom. *Laying the Groundwork for Peace* with conversation leaders Sr Catriona Devlin CSB and Fr Michael Whelan SM. Contact mareadonovan@gmail.com (0414 873 910) for further information.

2. 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 for further details.



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

3. The next Webinar through the Council of Australasian Catholics (CAC) and Garratt Publishing, *The Changing Face of Catholicism* on Thursday 8 October at 7.00 pm.

Contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au (0436941280) for further information.

Liturgical 4: An opportunity for everyone to learn more about the liturgy. Why we do what we do? Liturgy Formation is for the entire assembly – and not for a few experts. **Saturday 24 October at All Saints Kempsey, 9am – 3pm.** See flyers in the Church. Register via the QR code or click [Registration](#). (Please contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au (0436941280) for further information or if transport is required.)

Cursillo Movement Invitation

A Weekend of Spiritual Renewal

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ and find a vibrant, supportive faith community? The **Lismore Diocesan Cursillo Movement** warmly invites men and women across the



Diocese to our upcoming 3-day live-in weekend.

When: 15-18 October 2026

Where: Marian Valley Retreat Centre

2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren QLD

This short, intensive course in Christian living offers a powerful space for personal spiritual renewal, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, itinerary details, or to book your place, please contact Joan (President) on 0413 99 360 or email joanboyle0@gmail.com or Maxine (Secretary) on 0429 669 029 or email scole945@gmail.com

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Jose Basilio, Blake Rogers, Jo Rangel, Warren Dinsdale, Kay Wood, Bruno Missio, Fernando Escobar, Michael Moseley, Sr Arpitha, Graham Lonard, Denice Page.

Anniversaries: Cyril & Eileen Bennett, Patrick Murphy, Margaret Cavanagh, Nell Sweeney, Beryl Thomas.

Other Intentions: Efren Garza, Julie Munro, the Rogers Family, MJ Olidan, Ferdie Cabrera, Jarrod Thatcher, 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 Youth & Kids



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

Encounter Young Adults



All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join our young adults group, Thursday 8 October at the St Agnes' Community Centre, 6pm. Those looking to get connected with other young adults in our parish, please get in touch with Christa.

Selah Young Adults Festival

Ignite Youth is bringing Selah (Ignite YA Festival) back to our Diocese for the second time. Set amongst the beautiful bushland of the Selah Valley Estate.

Date: 4–7 December 2026

Location: Selah Valley Estate, Limpinwood

General Admission: \$110 (subsidies available)



Liminal

Year 12 graduates from across the Diocese are invited to Liminal, a three-night retreat designed especially for young people navigating the transition between school and whatever comes next. The retreat will provide opportunities for prayer, rest, friendship, formation, and practical guidance.

Date: 5–8 February 2027

Location: Evans Head **Cost:** \$150

For further details on the above opportunities, please contact:

christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au



Aspire

Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg, OCD. For further information, contact Sr Di, CM on 0434772 867 or dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

When: Monday 12 October and Tuesday 24 November

Where: Darcy Room St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.

Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm or join via zoom.

St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH



Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Father Proencio Bognay

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Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.30pm Mon,

Tues, Thurs, Friday.

9.00am-4.30pm Wednesday

Parish Pastoral Council

PPC@stagnesparish.org.au

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

27th Week in Ordinary Time

(Year A/2)

Monday 5 October

[St Faustina Kowalska](#)

Optional

Tuesday 6 October

[St Bruno](#)

Optional

Wednesday 7 October

[Our Lady of the Rosary](#)

Memorial



Friday 9 October

[St Denis](#)

Optional

[St John Leonardi](#)

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

1st Tuesday

11.00am

Emmaus Chapel, Colonel Barney Drive

2nd Tuesday

9.30am

Mt Carmel House, Lochinvar Place

3rd Tuesday

9.30am

Maryknoll House, Lochinvar Place

4th Tuesday

9.30am

St Agnes House, Lochinvar Place

Wednesday

9.30am

St Francis of Assisi Chapel

6.00pm

St Bernard's Church, Telegraph Point

Thursday

9.30am

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 - 12noon;

Saturday 11.30am - 12.30pm

Adoration

The first Saturday of the month, St Agnes' Church, following the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11am, until midday.

Cenacle:

Wednesday 11.00am, St Francis of Assisi Chapel

Adoration &

Thursday 2.00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie

Rosary

Mass Online

[YouTube Channel](#) Bishop Greg Homeming OCD,.

Daily Reflections

[Fr Paul Daily Reflections](#)

Health 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.

Roster 11 October 2026

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7.30am:

SAC:

Vanessa Denham

R1:

Bob Green

R2:

Gae Green

C:

Greg Grace

EMHC:

Sandy Luschwitz

Vanessa Denham

Welcomer: Wendy Welsh + MO

9.00am:

SAC:

Chris Jacobs

R1:

Barry Johnson

R2:

Wayne Evans

C:

Judy Brady

EMHC:

Maria Barros

Sandra Hartas

Chris Jacobs

Welcomer: Paul Barron (S)

5.00pm

SAC:

Sue Williams

R1:

Katrin Opay

R2:

Katrin Opay

C:

Tess Koning

EMHC: Carol Briscoe

Debbie Rennes

Sue Williams

Welcomer: Volunteer

Friday 12.05pm, 16 October

SAC:

Sandra Hartas

R:

Christa Pereira



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.