

18 October 2026

Year A

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

54th International Eucharist Congress



Save the date:
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 clips podcasts. Now up to No.9.

<https://www.eucharist28.org/resources>

Want to be kept updated?

<https://www.eucharist28.org/join-us>

Want to read the initial report leading into the planning of Eucharist28, The Voices of the Church in Australia on Eucharistic Renewal

<https://www.eucharist28.org/parishes/voices-of-the-church-in-australia-on-eucharistic-renewal>

World Mission Sunday

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.



Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



Gospel Reflection



Matthew 22:15-21

Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.'

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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ST AGNES' COMMUNITY day

SUNDAY, 22 NOV | 11am - 2pm



Please see insert in this week's Parish News. Everyone is warmly welcome to join in the fun, Volunteers needed! Register your interest using the QR code here or click on the following link [click this link](#).

Reminder: Only one Mass will be in the Parish on this weekend, 11am at St Joseph's Regional College. Other options for fulfilling the Sunday obligation include:

- Christ the King Chapel: Thursday, 19 November at 9.30am;
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Wauchope: Vigil on Saturday 21 November at 6.00pm or Sunday at 7.30am;
- St Peter the Fisherman, Laurieton: Vigil at 5.00pm or Sunday 7.30am;
- St John the Evangelist, Kendall: Sunday, 9.00am;
- All Saints Church, Kempsey: Vigil 6.00 pm or Sunday 9.30am
- St Francis of Assisi Chapel: Wednesday, 9.30am;
- St Bernard's, Telegraph Point: Wednesday, 6.00pm.

Prayer for Pope Leo

Heavenly Father, source of all healing and hope, we entrust Pope Leo XIV into Your loving hands. Surround him with Your healing presence, grant wisdom and steady hands to his medical team, and bless him with a swift and peaceful recovery. Through the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, renew his strength so that he may continue to lead Your Church with courage and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for HSC Students

Please keep our students in your prayers as they sit their HSC exams.

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students undertaking HSC examinations over the coming weeks.

Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.

Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses.

May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit with wisdom, understanding, fortitude and knowledge.

May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations and the satisfaction of achieving their best.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

Baptism Information Session

The next information session for the sacrament of Baptism will be held on Wednesday 28 October at 5.30pm in St Agnes' Church. Please contact the Pastoral Office if you will be attending.

St Vincent de Paul

Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie Vinnies Conferences are seeking new members to assist approximately three hours per week. We operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you would like to join us, call Phyl 0407 211 721 or Julia 0412 807 711 or email: portmacquarie.conference@vinnies.org.au

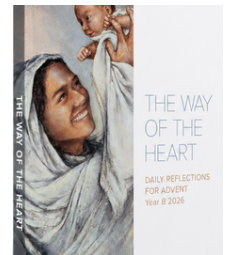


Christmas Hamper Appeal

Sponsor slips for families are available from the church from this weekend. The boxes (A&B) are available for collection outside the church after 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm Masses.

Advent

Advent begins in six weeks! The Advent Prayer resource from Archdiocesan Ministries in Brisbane, The Way of the Heart will soon be available. \$5.



Please contact the Pastoral Office at pastoraloffice@stagnesparish.org.au or 6583 1024 for a copy or to express interest in running or being part of a group.

November Mass Intentions



November is dedicated to the Month of Holy Souls. When submitting Mass Intentions, please ensure all names are clearly printed and the envelope is clearly labelled NOVEMBER MASSES. Envelopes can be placed in the Sunday Mass collections or dropped into the Pastoral Office.

Office Closure

The annual pest spraying of St Agnes' Church and the Presbytery will take place on Monday 19 October. St Agnes' Church will be closed from 2.00pm and the Pastoral Office will close from 3.00pm

**Save the Date: Mass of the Angels
Tuesday 3 November at 5.15pm
in St Agnes' Church**

Adult Faith Formation

Faith: 1. Online Courses for Cycle 7 with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation are now open. Closing on 22 October to begin on 26 October. Use the following link to see what is available <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/> or contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au for further information.

Liturgical: 2. 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.)

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 Entrance or contact Leanne Hyland on 0421927435.

Vale Kay Wood

Kay Wood, one of the former great educational leaders of Port Macquarie and St Agnes Catholic Parish, passed away recently. Her funeral will be held in the Parish Church on Tuesday, 20th October at 2pm. Kay led early childhood education in the Parish from its early days in 1973 until her retirement thirty years later in 2002.

Welcome Back Fr Paul and Happy Holidays to Fr Proencio

This week we welcome back Fr Paul from leave and we farewell Fr Proencio and wish him all the best as he begins his annual leave.

Did You Know....?

Our three early learning centres run a Bush Kinder program which provides children with meaningful opportunities to connect with nature, embrace nature-based pedagogy, and develop a deep appreciation for the natural world around them.

Smart wearables & recording devices



As smart watches and glasses with recording capabilities become more common, we must protect the privacy and dignity of everyone in our parishes.

Recording people or conversations without consent is not permitted, especially in child-related and pastoral environments. Please check with your parish or ministry before using personal recording devices.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment.



Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Patricia Horvath, Paul Jones, Eileen Perry, Rosezan Missingham, Kay Wood.

Anniversaries: Randall Gawne, John Sarcia, Aubrey Hawes, Brendan and John Mackey Leila & Harry Warwick, John & Kathleen Carroll.

Other Intentions: Julie Munro, Peter Hogan, Libby Hartley, Allen Woods, Susan Brooks, John A, & John P Woods, John Brooks, Gary Brooks, David Woods, Sandra Turner, Marie & Patrick Mullens, Mary Clark, Margaret Gallagher, Barbara Riordan, Win Rohan, Peggy Collins, and masses of thanksgiving and donor intentions, all athletes competing in the Ironman and 70.3 events.



ENCOUNTER

Youth & Kids

Encounter Youth & Kids will return Friday the 23 October. 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the St Agnes' Community Centre, Horton Steet. All High School Students and Primary School Years 3-6 are invited to join!

Young Adults

All young person aged 18-35 are welcome to join our young adults group, Thursday afternoons, from 6pm at the St Agnes' Community Centre. 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, this is a chance to meet great people, pray deeply, laugh loudly, and experience a vibrant catholic community.

Date: 4-7 December 2026

Location: Selah Valley Estate, Limpinwood

General Admission: \$110 (subsidies available)



Youth Ministry equires contact:
christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au



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Fr Prodencio Bognay

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9.00am - 4.30 pm on Wednesdays
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PO Box 23, Port Macquarie 2444

Feedback

Complaints, concerns and feedback can be made by **emailing**
parish.feedback@stagnesparish.org.au

or sending a letter to St Agnes' Parish
Administration Feedback
PO box 1736, Port Macquarie

Liturgical celebrations

30th week in Ordinary Time, Year A/2

Monday 19 October

Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
and companions **Optional**
St Paul of the Cross **Optional**

Thursday 22 October

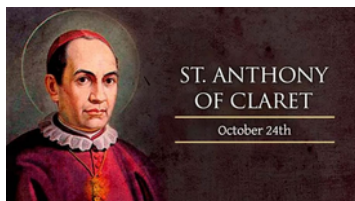
St John Paul II **Optional**

Friday 23 October

St John of Capistrano **Optional**

Saturday 24 October

St Anthony Claret **Optional**



General Mass times

Please note: There are occasions when Mass times may change. Ensure you read the inside of the newsletter for changes.

Monday	No Mass
1st Tuesday	11.00am Emmaus Chapel, Colonel Barney Dr
2nd	9.30am Mt Carmel House, Lochinvar Pl
3rd	9.30am Maryknoll Hose, Lochinvar Pl
4th	9.30am St Agnes House, Lochinvar Pl
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	6.00pm 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. Wednesday 3.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Chapel
Cenacle: Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 11.00am, St Francis of Assisi Chapel Thursday 2.00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie
Mass Online	Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Lismore. YouTube Channel

Daily Reflections [Fr Paul Daily Gospel 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 symptoms.

Roster 25 September 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am

SAC: Sue Williams | **R1:** Sandy Luschwitz | **R2:** Rebecca Cameron
C: Jim O'Brien | **EMHC:** May Hayek and Greg Grace
Welcomer: Emma Kelly

9.00am

SAC: Sandra Hartas | **R1 & R2** St Agnes' Primary School
C: St Agnes' Primary School | **EMHC:** St Agnes' Primary School
Welcomer: St Agnes' Primary School, Paul Barron, Gavin Smith |
CLoW: St Agnes' Primary School

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham | **R1:** Timo Gobius | **R2:** Marg Gobius
C: Joan Lancaster | **EMHC:** Brigitte Rieger, Naomi White, Vaneesa Denham | **Welcomer:** Jen Furney | **CLoW:** Volunteer

Friday, 25 October 12.05pm

SAC: Paul Forster | **R:** MacKillop College | **Psalm:** MacKillop College



**Diocesan
Investment
Fund**

4.15%

Port Macquarie DIF office is open
Mon to Fri, 9am to 1pm. For
enquiries call (02) 6583 7439

St Agnes' Catholic Parish 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 available to you. A copy of the Safeguarding newsletter is available from the Pastoral Office.

Contact the Safeguarding Office: (02) 6621 9444
safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au