



25 October 2026

Year A

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



UNCOMPROMISING
INTEGRITY

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>

Vale Kay Wood

Kay Wood, one of the great educational leaders of Port Macquarie and St Agnes' Catholic Parish, passed away recently. Her funeral was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday 20 October at 2pm.

Kay led early childhood education in the Parish for thirty years, from its beginnings in 1973 until her retirement in 2002. She began as the teacher at the Parish's first preschool in the Parish Hall, and went on to become the founding Director of St Joseph's Family Services.

Kay believed the preschool years were a critical stage in a child's development and that families needed support through them. Under her leadership, services grew remarkably:

- 1975: St Joseph's Preschool opened, and St Joseph's Family Services began operating.
- 1977: Hastings Family Day Care was established, the first funded scheme of its kind between Sydney and Brisbane.
- 1978: St Joseph's Annex opened to increase care and education places.
- 1983: A Family Support Service was developed.
- 1984: St Joseph's Occasional Care Centre (Joey's House) opened, and Early Childhood Development courses were introduced for senior students.
- 1990: Family support and relationship counselling and parent education courses were added.
- 1994: St Agnes' Preschool and Long Day Care Centre opened in Burgess Close, with longer hours to support working parents.
- 2001: The Hastings Home-Start program began, offering practical help to families in their own homes.

Kay's appointment in 1973 was another stroke of genius by Father Leo Donnelly, who saw her potential and supported her vision. As she approached retirement, Kay wrote of her gratitude to Father Donnelly for giving her "the encouragement, flexibility and freedom to develop my vision of services for children and families." Their partnership laid the foundation for initiatives that transformed early childhood education and family support in the Parish and beyond.

May she rest in peace.

World Youth Day, 2027 Seoul

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 is a once-in-a-generation international pilgrimage bringing together young Catholics from across the globe to encounter Jesus Christ, deepen their faith, and celebrate the universal Church. Pilgrims from the Diocese of Lismore will journey together through South Korea, visiting significant Catholic pilgrimage sites and martyr shrines before joining millions of young people in Seoul for World Youth Day celebrations, catechesis, youth festivals, prayer, worship, and Mass with the Holy Father. The pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, and cultural immersion. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code

Expressions of interest close 27 November.



ST AGNES' COMMUNITY day

SUNDAY, 22 NOV | 11am - 2pm



Everyone is warmly welcome to join in the fun. Can your business advertise our Community Day? If so, please contact the Pastoral Office to organise picking up some posters pastoraloffice@stagnesparish.org.au (6583 1024).

Volunteers needed! Register your interest using the QR code here or click on the following link [click this link](#).

Ironman Event Feedback

Should we change mass times on Ironman weekend?

Due to the annual Ironman event and the logistics of parking and road closures that this event brings, we would like to hear your thoughts - 'should we consider changing our mass schedule for this weekend?' Please contact the Pastoral Office on 6583 1024 or via email with your suggestions and comments.

Passionist Family Groups

Looking for friendship, connection, and a place to belong? Passionist Family Groups bring people together to share life, build friendships, and discover a family for all. Please contact the Pastoral Office on 6583 1024 for further information.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.



Baptism

We pray for Reuben Parnell and Jack Dedal 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.



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.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children supervised at all times in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



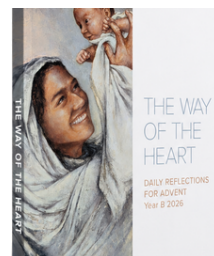
Christmas Hamper Appeal

Sponsor slips for families are available from the church. The boxes (A&B) are available for collection outside the church after 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm Masses. Cash donations can also be left at the Pastoral Office in an envelope clearly marked 'Christmas Hamper Appeal'. Direct bank deposit donations to: St Agnes' Parish Christmas Hamper. BSB: 082 798: Account Number: 519118830

Advent

Advent begins in five weeks! The Advent Prayer resource from Archdiocesan Ministries in Brisbane, The Way of the Heart is now here. The cost is \$5.

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



St Agnes' Gift Shop

The shop will open on Sunday 1 November following 9.00am Mass. The shop has a wide range of gifts and cards. Cash and eftpos sales available. For more information please call 6583 1024.

Annual Blessing for our Musicians (includes choirs and instrumentalists)

On the weekend of 14/15 November at Masses, there will be an opportunity for all our musicians across the whole Parish, including members of choirs and instrumentalists to receive an acknowledgement and blessing for the gifts that you bring to our worshipping community. This is close to the Memorial of St Cecilia, 22 November, the patron of musicians. We are truly grateful for the time, talent and treasure you bring to this ministry which fosters our Parish vision of "everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God".

Adult Faith Formation

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.

HSC Students

Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue with the HSC exams.

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.

All Saints and All Souls Day

• Sunday 1 November - All Saints Day

Masses will be at the usual time in St Agnes' Church: 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm. The readings will be those for All Saints Feast Day as follows:
Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 23:1-6; 1Jn 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12

• Monday 2 November - All Souls' Day

Mass will be held in St Agnes' Church at 5.15pm to commemorate this day.

Mass of the Angels

Our annual parish Mass of the Angels will be held in St Agnes' Church on Tuesday 3 November at 5.15pm.

This Mass provides an opportunity for parishioners to come together to pray for one another and for all who grieve the loss of a child. It provides an opportunity for parents, families, grandparents and individuals to remember the ones in their lives who are no longer with them.



Additional Liturgy Roster

Monday 2 November 5.15pm

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

SAC: Leone Flanagan | **R:** Trish McCann

Tuesday 3 November 5.15pm

Mass of the Angels

SAC: Sue Williams | **R:** Volunteer

Saturday 7 November 11.00am

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and Adoration

SAC: Tony Worner | **R:** Tony Worner | **Liturgy Leader:** Donna Sprague

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Sr Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Camilleri, Fred, Grace O'Connor, Patricia Horvath, Paul Jones, Rosezan Missingham, Kay Wood.

Anniversaries: Hiliary Wilson, Bob Wilson, Randall Gawne, Hilton Dodd, Mary Cavanagh, Beryl Walsh, Gerard Cassegrain.

Other Intentions: Lily McCloskey, Julie Munro, Peter Hogan, Libby Hartley, 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

On Friday 23 October our youth group will have an ALL SAINTS Party! 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the St Agnes' Community Centre, Horton Steet. All High School students and Primary School students, Years 3-6 are invited to join!

Young Adults

All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join our young adults group, Thursday afternoons, from 6pm at the St Agnes' Community Centre. We will be doing an Advent group this year. Those looking to get connected with other young adults in our parish, please get in touch with Christa.
christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

Administration Officer Understanding Faith

St Agnes' Catholic Parish is seeking an organised & enthusiastic Administration Officer to join our Understanding Faith team.

Understanding Faith provides multimedia religious education resources to Catholic schools throughout Australia, supporting the delivery of engaging and interactive faith-based learning.

The position is offered on a Max Term Part-Time Contract until 08/2027, working 60hrs per fortnight, across a 4-day week.

To apply, Please visit - [Current Vacancies | St Agnes Catholic Parish](#) or contact Paige Bazeley 02 6588 7444 / paige.bazeley@stagnesparish.org.au



Parish Priest
Fr Paul Gooley
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(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
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

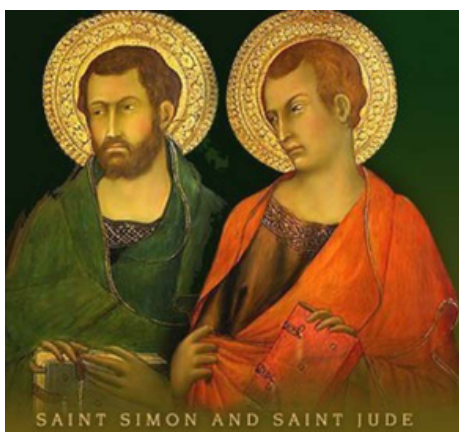
Liturgical celebrations

30th week in Ordinary Time,
Year A/2

Wednesday 28 October

Sts Simon and Jude

Feast



SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE

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 1 November 2026 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am

SAC: Denise Smith | **R1** Holly Hough | **R2** Pauline Day | **C:** Jim O'Brien
EMHC: Kevin Lewis, Greg Grace | **Welcomer:** Emma Kelly, Wendy Welsh | **Media Operator:** Wendy Welsh

9.00am

SAC: Sandra Hartas | **R1:** Evelyn Geh | **R2:** Trish McCann
C: Beth Flynn | **EMHC:** Alan Wheatland, Donna Sprague, Sandra Hartas | **Welcomer:** Rita Credaro, Gavin Smith, Paul Barron | **CLoW:** Laura Hatherly, Sara Garcia Nunez

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham | **R1:** Justine Worner | **R2:** Tony Worner
C: Jodie Rich | **EMHC:** Tanya Daley, Carol Briscoe, Vanessa Denham | **Welcomer:** Jan O'Sullivan | **CLoW:** Christa Pereira and Youth Leaders

Friday, 6 November 12.05pm

SAC: Paula Forster | **R:** Anne Hayek



**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

(Access via Parish back
carpark)

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