St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH

NEWS

1 November 2026 | Year A | Solemnity of All Saints

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

EUCHARIST28 SYDNEY

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 t o 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

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate



'The Beatitudes....A call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Mass will be held in St Agnes' Church on Monday 2 November at 5.15pm to commemorate this day.

Mass of the Angels



All are invited to attend our annual parish Mass of the Angels to be held in St Agnes' Church on Tuesday 3 November at 5.15pm.

This Mass provides an opportunity for parishioners along with parents, families, grandparents and individuals to come together to pray for one another and to remember the children in their lives who are no longer with them.

Monthly Adoration

Join us on Saturday 7 November in St Agnes' Church for Adoration following the Rosary at 10.30am and the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11.00am concluding at Midday. Reconciliation is at the usual time of 11.30am



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.
A bus will leave from St Agnes' Church on the day. Please contact the Pastoral Office to let us know if you would like to be on the bus.
Reminder: There is only one Mass 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 7.30 am;
- **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.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal



On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit catholicmission.org.au/united to lend your support today. To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

HSC Students

Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue with the HSC exams. May they remain calm and at peace to enable them to make the best use of their talents, the study they have done and the education they have received.

Baptism

We pray for Elliana Whalan, Marli-Rose and Myla Berry and Bronte and Mia Yee 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.

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.
All parishioners are warmly invited to enjoy **morning tea** with the Hamper Committee for their open day at the Hamper Hall located at the back of the St Agnes' Primary School car park on Monday 16 December commencing at 10.00am.

Annual Blessing for our Music Ministry Volunteers

On the weekend of 14/15 November at Masses, the annual acknowledgement and blessing of all our music ministry volunteers across the Parish, including members of choirs and instrumentalists will occur. 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".

Advent



Advent begins in four 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.

Passionist Family Groups

More then Just Sunday Mass

We might sit beside the same people at Mass every Sunday, but how well do we really know each other? Family Groups help turn familiar faces into lasting friendships. Please contact the Pastoral Office on 6583 1024 for further information.

Adult 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.

November Mass Intentions



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.

Tuesday 3 November:

Labibi and James Roumanus, and all deceased members of the Roumanus family, Paul and Aileen Galea and all deceased members of their families, Anna Saunders, Enid and Jack O'Dea.

Wednesday 4 November:

Deceased members of the Rasmussen, Flanagan, Goldsworthy and Price families, Max Hanley, Dasher Wheatley, Ken Hudson, Tom Hogg, Colin Xahn, R.A, Gray, Morrie Knox, Des Kennedy, David Clay, Ray Solomon, Fred and Val Courtney, Margaret McGoldrick, Matthew and Agnes Mealing, Joe Miller, Claudia Miller, Geoff Donnelly, David Steuart, Ron Kesby, Kel Hutton, Belinda Taylor, Joan Bradley, Helen Fredricks, Jim and Pat Duffy, Annie Bracken, Wanda Clouten, Keena Campbell, Sr Elsie, Betty OHagen, David Scott Pegum, Margaret Murphy, Elaine Tuckwell, Janet Reay, Helen Magan, Barry and Joan Telford, Ralph Peters.

Thursday 5 November

Deceased members of the Catholic Women's League, Tom Quinn, deceased members and friends of the Quinn and Ginman families, Green, Bayada and Hardgrove families, deceased relatives and friends of Thérèse and Ashley Freeman, Peter Riddett, Vincent O'Brien, Joan O'Brien, Geoffrey O'Brien, Gaul, Clavin and Sleeman families.

Friday 6 November

Wayne Richards, Colleen Herron, Bill Herron, Merv Hanrahan, Dorothy Hanrahan, Maisie Morgan, Barker family, Donoghoe family, Shirey and Ray Evans, Brian and Carole Somerfield, Cannen, O'Sullivan and Ryan families, Patrick Portlock, Robin Robbins, John Wigmore, Tyson, Beaten, Forster and Flynn families and all the deceased that have no one to pray for them.

November Mass Intention book and candle

All are invited to light a candle at the votive candle stand for those who have died. it reminds us of the light of Christ who shines on those we love at this time. Parishioners are also invited to record the names of loved ones who have died in the past year in the special Memory Book located near the sanctuary steps.

Australian Catholics Magazine

Copies of the summer edition 26/27 of Australian Catholics Magazine are available from the church and chapels. This is a quarterly magazine published by the Jesuit Community. Copies are free.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Karen Portlock**,** Lew Herico, Sr Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Camilleri, Grace O'Connor.
Anniversaries: Nigel Hunt, Michael Patrick Byrnes, Basil Smith, Diana Elkington, Jenni Searson, Hilton Dodds,
Other Intentions: Peter Hogan, Julie Munro, Libby Hartley, Lily McCloskey, 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 6 November our youth group theme is: *The Pursuit of Holiness*. 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 avenings, 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.
Any youth ministry enquires please contact christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

World Youth Day is an international pilgrimage for young Catholics (18-35 years) to deepen their faith, encounter Jesus, and experience the universal Church.

Pilgrims will visit significant Catholic sites across South Korea before joining millions of young people in Seoul for World Youth Day celebrations, prayer, worship, catechesis, and Mass with the Holy Father.
When: 30 July - 11 August 2027 (13 days)
Where: South Korea, including Seoul, Suwon, Jeonju, and key Catholic pilgrimage sites. Click here or scan the QR code.

Clergy Conference

The annual Diocesan Clergy Conference will be held from 9-13 November in Lismore. Fr Paul will remain in the Deanery for Masses and services.

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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

31st week in Ordinary Time, Year A/2

Sunday 1 November
ALL SAINTS — SOLEMNITY

Monday 2 November
The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED **(All Souls' Day)**



Tuesday 3 November
St Martin de Porres — Optional

Thursday 4 November
St Charles Borromeo — Memorial

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	
Reconcilation	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, untill 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 8 November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am
SAC: Leone Flanagan | **R1:** Saidee Talty l **R2:** Shane Talty l **C:** Joan Lancaster **EMHC:** Dianne Gander & Sandy Luschwitz l **Welcomer:** Geoff Leary l **Media Operator**: Rebecca Cameron

9.00am
SAC: Sandra Hartas | **R1:** Anne Hayek| **R2:** Denise Puzas
C: Bob Green | **EMHC:** Gae Green, Maria Barros and Sandra Hartas l
Welcomer: Gavin Smith and Paul Barron l
CLoW: Volunteers

5.00pm
SAC: Sue Williams | **R1:** SJRC| **R2:** SJRC**C:** SJRC| **EMHC:** SJRC l
Welcomer: SJRC | **CLoW:** Volunteers

Friday, 13 November 12.05pm
SAC: Paula Forster | **R:** Kay Stingel

DIF 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