St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH

NEWS

8 November 2026 | Year A | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times

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 to No.9.
https://www.eucharist28.org/resources

Want to be kept updated?
https://www.eucharist28.org/join-us

Read about various themes. Now up to No 10.
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2026 National Church Life Survey



Dear Parishioners and friends of St Agnes.

2026 National Church Life Survey

Our church is taking part in the eighth nationwide survey of churchgoers - the 2026 National Church Life Survey. It is the largest, longest running survey of local church life in the world.

- Thousands of churches
- 7,000+ church leaders
- 200,000+ church attenders

20 + denominations

Why?

Locally, this survey helps our church to listen to all voices, so we can gain valuable insights to shape the health and vitality of our church.
Nationally, our church will also add to a vital picture of church life across Australia, highlighting national trends and informing wider society.

Ten reasons why we will be taking part in the 2026 National Church Life Survey:

1. Take time to listen to every voice: new and long-term attendees, young and old.
2. Invite attenders to reflect on their own wellbeing.
3. Take stock of our church's health.
4. Receive our own church results to help shape our ministry and mission into the future.
5. Identify our strengths and use them to grow.
6. Help church leaders reflect on leadership development and personal wellbeing
7. Add to the profile of our denomination.
8. Help our denomination better understand the gifts and challenges of local churches.
9. Compare with other churches
10. To be part of the national snapshot of the whole Australian Church.

The Survey will take place in our parish on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of November. The survey can be done either via paper or electronically.

Appointment



I am delighted to share that Daniel Pereira has joined our Parish as the new Pastoral Engagement Coordinator. He will be a member of the Pastoral Team, working collaboratively with the Communications and Marketing office, to build engaging connections through digital platforms to help the Parish share its faith, mission, events and community life online.

Daniel has previously served as the Communications Media and Engagement Officer for Sawtell Catholic Parish and brings a wealth of experience as an online content creator through video productions, multimedia, photography and graphic design.

Daniel is also a talented musician and is in the Diocesan Wildfire Band who lead Retreats in our Parish Schools. We are very blessed to have him join our team.

From the horse's mouth.....

Last weekend a certain priest told parishioners not to be a **"Goodie Two Shoes"** and to **"Trust Your Instinct"**....Lets make it a **"Point of Law"** to never pay attention to that priest's tips ever again!!

God bless, Fr Paul





Do you need transport? Please let us know by **Monday 16 November** by contacting the Pastoral Office on pastoraloffice@stagnesparish.org.au or 6583 1024.
Volunteers needed! Register your interest to volunteer by using the QR code above or click on this link or call the Pastoral Office.
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.

Advent

Advent begins in three weeks! Get your Advent Prayer resource The Way of the Heart from Archdiocesan Ministries in Brisbane. $5.
Please contact the Pastoral Office to purchase a copy or to express interest in running or being part of a group.



Baptism

We pray for Leonardo Scammell as he is gifted with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of baptism. May the Lord look lovingly on Leonardo and his family.



Passionist Family Groups

You Don't Need a Family to Join

Single, married, young or young at heart — there's a place for you in Family Groups! It's not about your family situation, but about becoming part of a community that cares. Please contact the Pastoral Office for further information.

Office Closure

The annual pest spraying of St Agnes' Church and the Presbytery scheduled for 19 October was postponed and will now take place on 9 November. St Agnes' Church will be closed from 2.30pm and the Pastoral Office will close from 3.00pm on Monday 9 November.

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 0421 927 435.

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 on **Monday 16 November** commencing at 10.00am. The Hamper Hall is located at the back of the carpark at St Agnes' Primary School. Completed hampers can be returned to the Hamper Hall on Monday 23 November and Friday 27 November between 10.00am-1.00pm.



Annual Blessing

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".

Ladies Coffee Morning



A ladies coffee morning is held the second Thursday of the month at Caramels - Lake Cathie near Woolworths at 10.30am. The next morning tea is this coming Thursday 12 November and all are very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Jenny on 0402 814 240.



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 10 November:

Mary Sheila Moon, Harold and Glad Grose, Shirley and Judy Billington, Pat Huxtable, Ann Woodbury, Val Smith, deceased friends and members of the Moon, Ramirez and De La Rosa families, deceased members of the Cassidy and Franklin families.

Wednesday 11 November:

David Landers Snr, David Landers Jnr, Paul Merkus, Joan Kathleen Porritt, Kathleen Dunton, Albert Dunton, Thelma Robinson, Leanne Boulton, Joseph White, Margaret Muncaster, Marg Springfield, Michael Mico, William Ivan Porritt, Gladys Boyd, Patricia Liddy, Patricia Bolger, Raymond Springfield, Nimrod Gusi, Nimfa Gusi, Ramil Gusi, Rudith Gusi Snr, Nancy Gasangne Lordan, Matthew Wright, Peter Cook, Paul Everingham, Jean O'Brien.

Thursday 12 November

Walter Dick, Jess and Reg Moylan, Mary and Gordan Dick, Kathleen and Allen Woods, Susan and William Brooks, John A and John P Woods. Garry Brooks, John Brooks, David Woods, Bertha and Stanley Secomb, Anna and Denis Woods, Jack and Nan Secomb, Sr M Augustine OP, Sr M Thomas OP, Wilma Shannon, George Saad, Delfin Endrina, Genora Endrina, Hanna Chalhoub, Nabiha Chalhoub, Wilson and Wendy Endrina

Friday 13 November

Thomas Raymond Dick, Emilio Sepaya Sr, Josefina Sepaya, Virgilio Sepaya, Rogelio Sepaya, Emilio Sepaya Jr, Irene, Ernest, Mal, Tony and Brian Yardley, Stan Currey, Brad McKenzie, Lindy and Josh McKenzie, Gervais Koenig, deceased family and friends of Koenig and Clarke families, Rose, Murray and Curtis families, Viv and Daisey Hughes, Jack and Gladys Ripon, deceased members of the Hughes and Ripon families, Monica, Phonce, John and Betty Hollis, deceased members of the Gaffney and West families, John and Paul McCarthy, deceased family members of Laduska, Bozanic, Kuzmanic, Sobel and Donaher families, Larry and Dorothy Lauthois 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.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Scott Bell, Anne Riley**,** Andres Lee Huevos, Greg Micallef, Jennifer Asher, Karen Portlock**,** Lew Herico.

Anniversaries: Mario Tomasovic, Diana Elkington, Beryl Thomas.

Other Intentions: Potenciana Salvador, Juanito Salvador, Elma Huevos, 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,

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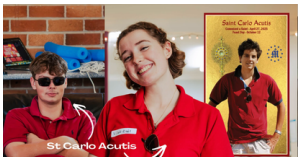
Youth & Kids

On Friday 13 November our youth group theme is: *Ways to pray* 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 evenings, 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 christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

A few highlights from Encounter Youth's All Saints Social Night last Friday!

















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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

32nd week in Ordinary Time, Year A/2

Monday 9 November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica **Feast**



Tuesday 10 November
St Leo the Great **Memorial**

Wednesday 11 November
St Martin of Tours **Memorial**

Thursday 12 November
St Josaphat **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, 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 15 November 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am
SAC: Denise Smith | **R1:** Gai Arnold l **R2:** Gai Arnold l **C:** Greg Grace
EMHC: Geoff Leary & Michael O'Brien l **Welcomer:** Mary O'Brien

9.00am
SAC: Chris Jacobs | **R1:** Wayne Evans| **R2:** Rene Barros
C: Sue Williams | **EMHC:** Jenny Hayek & Chris Jacobs & Sandra Hartas l **Welcomer:** Paul Barron & Elizabeth Johnson l
CLoW: Volunteers

5.00pm
SAC: Vanessa Denham | **R1:** SJPS| **R2:** SJPS **C:** SJPS| **EMHC:** SJPS l **Welcomer:** SJPS | **CLoW:** SJPS

Friday, 20 November 12.05pm
SAC: Sandra Hartas | **R:** MacKillop College

DIF Diocesan Investment Fund

4.40%

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

Supporting Our Young Missionaries: NET Ministries 2027

Hi everyone, my name is Adam Jennings. I'm 18 years old and a parishioner here at St Agnes Parish.

As you may have read in the parish bulletin a few weeks ago, next year I will be stepping into a year of service, spending 11 months on mission with NET Ministries—National Evangelisation Teams—alongside Alannah Steele, another member of our parish.

I will be speaking at all Masses next weekend to share information on my upcoming year of mission and service with NET Ministries Australia, alongside Alannah Steele, who is currently serving with NET.

NET sends teams of young adults into schools and parishes across Australia to help young people encounter Jesus and embrace the life of the Church. As I prepare for this 11-month mission, I am working to reach my personal fundraising goal of $6,900. During my talk, I look forward to sharing my personal call to mission, what excites me most about serving as a NET missionary in 2027, and how you can support this work.

Please prayerfully consider supporting me financially as I take this step. Your generosity will not only make my mission possible but will also help bring the love of Jesus to young people who may never have experienced it before. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. By supporting this mission, you become a key partner in reaching young people with the message that they are known, loved, and wanted by God.

Pledge cards will be available next week for those who wish to offer financial support. You can also donate online via direct bank transfer or our online form. Next week's parish bulletin will include a link to the form as well as banking details for NET Ministries.

Please keep Alannah and me in your prayers as we prepare for this journey and be sure to stop by after Mass next weekend to say hello and learn more.

God bless,

Adam Jennings

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