St AGNES' CATHOLIC PARISH

# NEWS

15 November 2026 | Year A | 33rd 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**

Remember the journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon in 2008? Something similar will be happening in Australia and the Diocese as part of Eucharist28. Keep an eye out!

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

Want to volunteer at this once in a lifetime event? https://www.eucharist28.org/volunteer.

Want to learn more about the Eucharist? Watch the series of clips podcasts and read about various themes. Now up to No 10. https://www.eucharist28.org/resources




**It's here! Our third St Agnes' Community Day is next Sunday, 22 November, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year.**

**Date:** 22 November
**Venue:** St Joseph's regional College, 1 College Dr, Port Macquarie (Sovereign Hills)
**Time:** 11.00am – 2.00 pm

Mass at 11.00am, followed by hospitality including food (cultural offerings, BBQ, coffee, cakes, fruit) and children's activities (petting zoo, jumping castle, face painting, scratch art, bead making, and biscuit decorating.)

If you need transport, please let us know by Monday 16 November. pastoraloffice@stagnesparish.org.au (6583 1024).

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.

## Vale Ann Riley

Ann Riley, former long-term employee of Catholic Care of the Aged and parishioner in our Parish, sadly passed away on Tuesday evening.

Ann worked as Director of Nursing at the Parish's very first residential aged care home, Lourdes Nursing Home, on Clifton Drive from its opening around 1973/4, under Honor Morcom who was Director of Care. Ann worked closely with Honor and then later with Joy Walsh.

Ann was a very caring and professional nurse who was deeply admired, and we are grateful for her many years of service to our Parish, residents, and community.

Please keep Ann's children, friends, and former colleagues in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

## Safeguarding Training Reminder

Every person who volunteers with us — whether at Mass, in our schools, at parish events, in pastoral ministry or our many services — plays a role in keeping our community safe. Safeguarding isn't paperwork or box-ticking; it's a direct expression of our faith.

All volunteers need to complete (or refresh) their Safeguarding Training by end of December please. This includes both volunteers completing initial training for the first time, and those due for their 3-year cyclical refresher. If this is not completed, we are putting ourselves at risk and as a Parish, we cannot do this, therefore no volunteer can continue their work unless this is done.

If you're unsure whether your training is up to date, or need help accessing the training, please contact Katie Hayward by email: katie.hayward@stagnesparish.org.au

Thank you for taking this responsibility seriously — it's how we ensure St Agnes' Catholic Parish remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone, especially our children and most vulnerable community members.

The next safeguarding training dates in the Parish Hall are
Thursday 26/11/2026 from 1.00pm – 2:30pm
Tuesday 15/12/2026 from 10am – 11:30am

## Advent




Advent begins in **two** 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 Connell Neeson-Smith and Bon Thwaites 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.

## Thank You to our Music Ministry Volunteers

This weekend across the Parish at Masses, the annual acknowledgement and blessing of all our musicians 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".

## Passionist Family Groups

### Faith Begins with Friendship

Sometimes the simplest way to experience God's love is through the friendship and kindness of others. Passionist Family Groups create opportunities for these everyday encounters through friendship, laughter and shared experiences. Contact the Pastoral Office for further information.

## Catholic Women's League

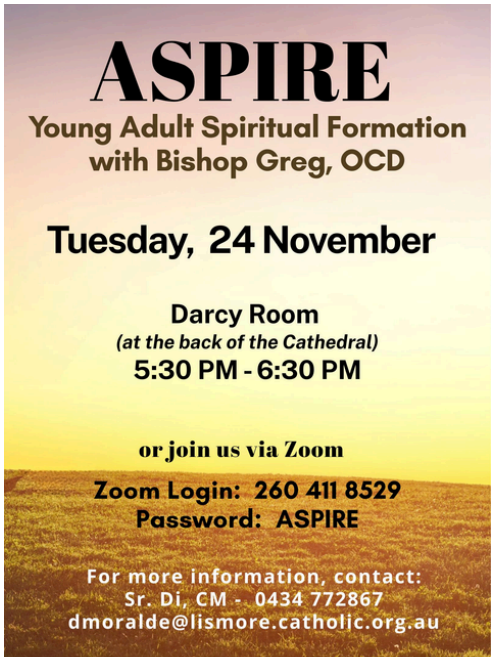
The monthly meeting for the Catholic women's league will be held on Friday the 20th of November at 1.30pm in the John Worner centre Lourdes village. New members are most welcome. For further information please contact Veronica on 0413386686 or Helen on 65855391

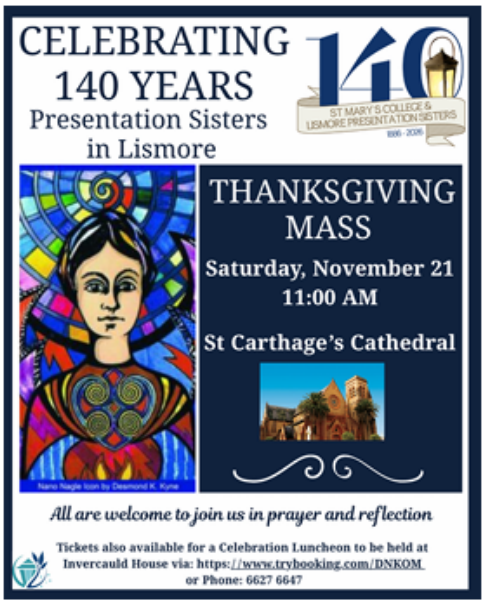
## Christmas Hamper Appeal



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.



## 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 17 November:**
Helen Ryan, deceased members of the Ryan families, deceased members of the Monaghan families, Kelly and Sydenham families, deceased members of the Sciberras, O'Donohue, Sheedy and Butcher families, Eileen and Burnley Butcher, Jane Francia, John and Margaret Heaney, Michael Heagney, Bernard and Leo Heagney deceased family members and friends of the Heagney and Ryan families, Brett Wood, Belinda Reid, Annie Bracken.

**Wednesday 18 November:**
All the souls in purgatory, Rosario Relucio, Jose Ao and family, Imilda and Paul Balodis and family, Pacita and Jesus Azuran and family, Herbert Ivan James Evans, David Norman Brown, Blackburn and Palmer families, Potenciana Salvador, Juanito Salvador.

**Thursday 19 November**
Hawes, Chapman, Short, Coyle, Canavan and Lucas families, John and Mary Hayward, Bill Hayward, Deceased family and friends of the Hayward family, Joanne Farrugia, Joseph Farrugia, Bernadette Farrugia, Audrey Carroll, Roy Carroll, Edgar Grege, Aida Grege, Desmond Nolan, Kevin Leys, Arthur Fairall.

**Friday 20 November**
Norma, John and David Newlyn, deceased members of Cobb and Newlyn families, Joan and Kenn Wheatland. deceased members of the Midgley and Wheatland families, members of the Timbs and Tapsell families, Peter Lucey, Christine Innes 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.

## 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.

## Remember in Prayer

**Recently Deceased:** Philly Roberts, Scott Bell, Ann Riley**,** Andres Lee Huevos, Greg Micallef, Jennifer Asher.
**Anniversaries**: Valerie Rose, Ellen Norman.
**Other Intention**s: 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.

## ENCOUNTER

## Youth & Kids

On Friday 20 November, Encounter Youth's theme is Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Join us from 5.30pm-7.30pm at the St Agnes' Community Centre, Horton Street. All high school students and primary students in Years 3-6 are welcome!

## Young Adults

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join us on Thursday evenings from 6pm at the St Agnes' Community Centre. We'll be exploring Advent together this year.
To connect with other young adults in the parish, contact: Christa at christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

## Adam Jennings

This week, parishioner Adam Jennings shared that he'll be on an 11-month mission with NET Ministries Australia, serving young people in schools and parishes. Please prayerfully consider supporting him financially and partnering in this ministry. Every contribution makes a difference. Adam will also be around after each Mass this week to chat.
How to Support:

- Pledge Cards & Envelopes: Available at the church entrance. Return using the provided self-addressed envelope in the presbytery mailbox or in the collections.
- Direct Deposit: Bank: Westpac Bank Account Name: NET Ministries BSB: 034 010 Account: 162 527 Reference: 27AdaJ
- Online: Scan the QR code to access the online form.
- Please keep all missionaries in your prayers.

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Fr Paul Gooley
**Assistant Priest**
Fr Prodencio Bognay

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9.00am - 4.30 pm on (Wednesday)
**Parish Pastoral Council**
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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

### 33rd week in Ordinary Time, Year A/2

**Monday 16 November**
St Margaret of Scotland — **Optional**
St Gertrude — **Optional**

**Tuesday 17 November**
St Elizabeth of Hungary — **Memorial**

**Wednesday 18 November**
Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul — **Optional**

**Saturday 21 November**
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — **Memorial**




## General Mass times

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

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| **Monday** | **No Mass** | |
| **1st Tuesday** | 11.00am | Emmaus Chapel, Colonel Barney Dr |
| **2nd** | 9.30am | Mt Carmel House, Lochinvar Pl |
| **3rd** | 9.30am | Maryknoll House, 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;<br>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.<br>Wednesday 3.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Chapel | |
| **Cenacle: Adoration & Rosary** | Wednesday 11.00am, St Francis of Assisi Chapel<br>Thursday 2.00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie | |
| **Mass Online** | Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Lismore.<br>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 22 November 2026
## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### 11.00am St Joseph's Regional College

**Sacristan:** Sandra Hartas
**Reader 1:** John Timbs
**Reader 2:** Sandy Luschwitz
**Commentator:** Tanya Daley
**Prayer of the Faithful:** Youth volunteers
**EMHC:** Janisa Vinod,
**EMHC**: Kevin Lewis
**EMHC:** Rose Camilleri
**EMHC:** Tony Worner
**EMHC**: Lynne Rangel
**Welcomer:** Paul Barron and Jen Furney (volunteers needed)
**CLOW:** Sara Garcia Nunez, Jenny Hayek and Matt Gourlay
**Money Collection**: Judy Brady, Mike Luschwitz (volunteers needed)

### Friday, 27 November 12.05pm

**Sacristan:** Sandra Hartas | **Reader:** Zac Parnell

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



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# Advent & Christmas Calendar 2026

**Weekday Mass times will continue as usual**

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| Friday | 12.05pm | St Agnes' Church |

**Reconciliation times will be as usual during Advent in St Agnes' Church**

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| Friday | 11.30am – 12.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Saturday | 11.30am -12.30pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Advent Penitential Services | Thursday 10 December at 6.00pm *(see separate note)* | |
| Additional Reconciliation time | Tuesday 22 December 4.30pm – 5.30pm | |




## 1st Sunday of Advent
## 29 November

**At each of these Masses we will light the first (violet) of our Advent candles.**

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| Thursday | 26 November | 9:30am | Christ the King Chapel |
| Saturday | 28 November | 6.00pm | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |
| Sunday | 29 November | 7.30am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 9.00am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 5.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Tuesday | 1 December | 11.00am | Emmaus *Anointing Mass* |
| Wednesday | 2 December | 9.30am | St Francis of Assisi Chapel |
| | | 6.00pm | St Bernard's, Telegraph Point |




## 2nd Sunday of Advent
## 6 December

**At each of these Masses we will light the second (violet) of our Advent candles and bless the Christmas Crib.**

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| Thursday | 3 December | 9:30am | Christ the King Chapel |
| | | 6.00pm | Prayer of the Church & Adoration – St Agnes' Church |
| Saturday | 5 December | 10.30am | Holy Rosary, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, followed by Adoration – St Agnes' Church |
| | | 6.00pm | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |
| Sunday | 6 December | 7.30am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 9.00am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 5.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Tuesday | 8 December | 9.30am | Mt Carmel *Anointing Mass* |
| | | 5.15pm | Solemnity Mass – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wednesday | 9 December | 9.30am | St Francis of Assisi Chapel |
| | | 5.00pm | Syro Malabar Mass St Agnes' Church |
| | | 6.00pm | St Bernard's Church, Telegraph Point |

**Thursday 10 December — Advent Penitential Services**

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| 6.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| 6.00pm | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |

Our Advent Penitential Service helps us prepare for Christ's coming into our hearts now and Christ's coming at a time in the future that we do not know. All are welcome.

## Advent Novena
## Tuesday 15 December - Wednesday 23 December

A Mass will be celebrated each night at 7.00pm from
15 December to 23 December in St Agnes' Church.
This is known in the Filipino Community as *Simbang Gabi* (dawn/night Mass).
It is celebrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome.




## 3rd Sunday of Advent
## 13 December

**At each of these Masses we will light the third (rose) of our Advent candles.**

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| Thursday | 10 December | 9:30am | Christ the King Chapel *with Blessing of the Sick* |
| Saturday | 12 December | 6.00pm | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |
| Sunday | 13 December | 7.30am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 9.00am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 5.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Tuesday | 15 December | 9.30am | MaryKnoll *Anointing Mass* |
| Wednesday | 16 December | 9.30am | St Francis of Assisi Chapel *with Blessing of the Sick* |
| | | 6.00pm | St Bernard's Church, Telegraph Point |




## 4th Sunday of Advent
## 20 December

**At each of these Masses we will light the fourth (violet) of our Advent candles.**

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| Thursday | 17 December | 9:30am | Christ the King Chapel |
| Saturday | 19 December | 6.00pm | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |
| Sunday | 20 December | 7.30am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 9.00am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 5.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| Tuesday | 22 December | 9.30am | St Agnes' Home *Anointing Mass* |
| | | 4.30pm-5.30pm | Reconciliation St Agnes' Church |
| Wednesday | 23 December | 6.00pm | St Bernard's Church, Tele Point |



## Christmas Masses

**At each of these Masses we will light the Christmas candle and place baby Jesus in the crib.**

### Christmas Eve

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| Thursday | 24 December | 9.30am | Christ the King Chapel |
| | | 6.00pm | Parish Youth and Family Christmas Mass – MacKillop Junior College Hall |
| | | 7.00pm | St Agnes' Church |
| | | Midnight | St Agnes' Church |

### Christmas Day

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| Friday | 25 December | 7.30am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 8.00am | St Mary, Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie |
| | | 9.00am | St Agnes' Church |
| | | 9.30am | St Francis of Assisi Chapel |
| | | **NO 5.00pm Mass** | |

**Wishing you and your families all of God's blessings for a safe, happy and holy Christmas.**