



A life of sacrificial love

More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life.

When St Paul proclaims that we are now “dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus,” he highlights how Jesus’ submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity. Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him.

As St Paul explains, “When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.” This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: “You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus.”

In his instructions to the Twelve in today’s gospel, Jesus teaches, “Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.” Part of ‘losing our lives’ for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor.

And ‘losing our lives’ can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us.

As Jesus teaches in today’s gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as Il Poverello (Italian for “the little poor man” or “the little poor one”), and as a “little Christ.”

‘Losing our lives’ for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus’ level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts

need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us - to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created.

Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a “little Christ.”

Joseph Doyle

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**‘Anyone who
welcomes ME,
welcomes
YOU’**

Matthew 10:37-42



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



UNCOMPROMISING
INTEGRITY

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Congratulations and Thank you



We congratulate all the children from our parish who were confirmed over the past week by Fr Paul. We thank the Priests, the candidates' families, our teachers, singers, musicians, readers and commentators for all the time and effort that has been put into making this a wonderful celebration for the children and their families.

Adoration

Adoration continues each Wednesday in St Francis Chapel from 3.30pm to 4.00pm and every second Saturday of the month, in St Agnes' Church following the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11.00 am, until Midday. You are invited to the next prayer opportunity on Saturday, 11 July.



The Cenacle

The Cenacle including adoration and the Rosary is held weekly on Thursdays at 2pm at our Lady Star of the Sea church, Lake Cathie. For further information please contact Rose Camilleri on 0415435135.

Church Life Survey



Later this year our church will take part in the 2026 National Church Life Survey. This

survey happens every five years and is the longest and largest running survey of church life in the world. The survey aims to help churches reflect on life and mission and build for the future. **We are looking for volunteers to co-ordinate the distribution, completion and return of the survey for the parish.** The survey is to be completed in Sept or Oct this year. For further information please contact the Pastoral Office .

Baptisms

We pray for Florence Latimore, Tatum Caballero-Twigg and Daisy Farrugia who will be gifted with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of baptism. May the Lord look lovingly on these children and their families.



Solemnity Mass

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Monday 29 June in St Agnes' Church to acknowledge this special feast in the liturgical life of the Church.



Vinnies
good works

Winter Appeal 2026

Donations can still be made to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Envelopes can be placed in the weekend collections, or donations can be made via direct deposit: Thank you for your support.

BSB: 062 000 Account: 19889862

Ref: 43-441 (for St Agnes Vinnies)

Ref: 43-465 (for Lake Cathie Vinnies)

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes for 2026-2027 financial year are available for collection from the Pastoral Office and chapels.

If you have already collected your Planned Giving envelopes, Please check that you have the correct envelopes: **If you have envelopes numbers 109 or 110** for the 2026-2027 year. Please contact the Pastoral Office on 6583 1024 as we do not have your personal details recorded and will be unable to issue you with a receipt.

Spirituality in the Pub (SIP)

Spirituality on the Sofa (SOS)

The next online event is on **Wednesday, 1 July, 7.30 – 9.00 pm. "Peace for Indigenous Australians – Celebrating Fifty Years of Deadly."** with conversation leaders Nathan Towny and Larissa Minniecon. FREE. (Not recorded.) **Nathan** is a proud Wiradjuri man from Wellington, NSW, and an outstanding education leader. He is currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor Engagement and Equity at the University of Newcastle. **Larissa** is a proud Kabi Kabi, Gureng Gureng, Australian South Sea Islander, and Zenadth Kes woman who lives, works, and dreams on Gadigal Land. She holds a Master's in Narrative Therapy and Community Work from the University of Melbourne. Click on the link on the night.

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[pwd=zhfqOtf4tbFBCDICXYHePzZFgHh3WA.1#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048350522?pwd=zhfqOtf4tbFBCDICXYHePzZFgHh3WA.1#success)

or contact Marea Donovan

mareadonovan@gmail.com Phone: 0414 873 910.

Peter's Pence Collection

The Pete's Pence collection is an annual global collection for financial support of the Holy Father. The primary collection date will be this weekend, 27-28 June.

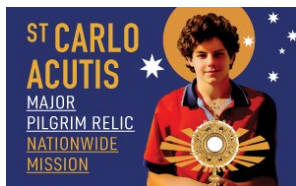
Donations allow the Pope to respond to emergency needs globally, including victims of war, oppression, disease, and natural disasters, while also funding the everyday operational costs of the Holy See. Donation envelopes will be available in the church entrance and can be placed on the collection plates or dropped into the Pastoral Office.

Wedding Congratulation's

Congratulations to Scott Bunt and Tameka Harris who were married in St Agnes' Church this week. May the Lord travel along side this couple as they embark on their journey as husband and wife.

Relics of St Carlo Acutis

We are honoured to be hosting the special relics of St Carlo Acutis at St Agnes' Catholic Parish Church in July as part of the visit to the Lismore Diocese. St Carlo Acutis is recognised as the first millennial



saint and is remembered for his deep faith and use of technology to share stories of Eucharistic miracles from around the world. A unique exhibition will showcase the first-class relic of his pericardium alongside powerful reflections on his life, faith and legacy. Visitors will have the opportunity to venerate the relic, attend Mass, listen to readings, pray the Rosary, and talk about the life and legacy of Carlo Acutis.

WHEN: Thursday 9th July 11.30am – 5.30pm

WHERE: St Agnes' Church, and Parish Hall, (access to the Hall via Leo's Lane next to the Church)

Final details of the Thursday schedule next weekend.

Looking for the right start for your little one?

At St Joseph's Family Services, we're proud to offer Innovative early childhood programs designed to nurture creativity, build confidence, and support children's social development. We're passionate about partnering with families and investing in every child entrusted to our care. We're currently in the rare and exciting position of having a limited number of vacancies for two to three year olds across our services:

- St Agnes' Early Education Centre
- Joey's House Early Education Centre
- St Joseph's Pre School and Long Day Care



If you're looking for a nurturing environment where your child can learn, discover and grow, we would love to hear from you.

To get started, please call **6583 6464** email earlyeducation@stagnesparish.org.au, or visit <https://sjfs.org.au/enrol-now/>.

We would be delighted to welcome your family into our community.

Do you have a spare space?

The Hastings Koala Orchestra are looking for a storage space for their equipment (drums, music stands, uniforms, etc) and are hoping someone in our community may have a space available free-of-charge for this volunteer group. The size required is approximately half of a single garage. If you have a space, or know of a space, please contact Karen Kovac at karen.kovac@stagnesparish.org.au or 6588 7444.

Save the Date....

**St Agnes' Community Day,
Sunday 22 November, 2026
the Solemnity of Christ the King**



Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Gwen Reeves, Frank Hannigan, Peter Wallace Jr, Bill Fenton, Peter Hert, Henry Field.

Anniversaries: Allen Woods, Garry Brooks, George Saad, Dorothea Carney, Sr Julie Plackkal, Anthony Plackkal, Martin Tierney.

Other Intentions: Linda Dessa, Fr Ben, Ivor, Joel, Joshua, Kathleen Woods, Susan & William Brooks, John A & John P Woods, John Brooks, David Woods, Raymond Conway, T.L. Jose, Marie and Patrick Mullens, Mary Clark, Margaret Gallagher, Barbara Riordan, Win Rohan, Peggy Collins, masses of thanksgiving and donor intentions.



ENCOUNTER

Encounter Youth & Kids

Will return Week 2, Term 3, Friday 31 July. We're taking a break over the school holidays.

Encounter Young Adults

Bible study will be in the St Agnes Community Centre this Thursday 2 July from 6pm. All young adults (18 – 35) are welcome to join us for fellowship, scripture, and small groups. Contact Christa to get connected and receive updates.

For any Youth Ministry enquiries, please contact: christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

All Liturgical Ministers

Your ministry is more than a task; it is a sacred calling. Every time you serve at the altar, proclaim the Word, lead the singing, welcome the faithful, or assist in the liturgy, you become an instrument of God's grace.

Serve with humility, pray with sincerity, and minister with love. Remember that the beauty of the liturgy shines not through our talents alone, but through hearts that seek to glorify God. May your service inspire others to encounter Christ and deepen their faith.

Thank you for your dedication, sacrifice, and faithful witness. May the Lord bless you abundantly as you continue to serve His Church with joy and devotion.

Wrap With Love

Wrap with Love would like to thank everyone for the donation of squares and wool so far this year. We are again asking for 8ply wool please, which can be dropped off at the Pastoral Office. Many thanks.





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9.00am-4.30pm Wednesday

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Feedback to Parish

Complaints, concerns and feedback (both positive and negative)

can be made by emailing:

parish.feedback@stagnesparish.org.au

c/o St Agnes' Parish Administration

Feedback: PO Box 1736 Port Macquarie

Liturgical Celebrations

13th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A/2)

Monday 29 June

[Sts PETER and PAUL](#)

SOLEMNITY



Tuesday 30 June

[First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church](#)

Optional

Friday 3 July

[St Thomas](#)

Feast

Saturday 4 July

[St Elizabeth of Portugal](#)

Optional

General Mass Times in St Agnes' Catholic Parish

(Please note: There are occasions when these Mass times may change.

Please ensure you read the inside of the newsletter for changes).

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 9.30am or 11.00am Residential aged care only

12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Wednesday: 9.30am St Francis of Assisi Chapel

6.00pm St Bernard's Church

Thursday: 12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

4.30pm Christ the King Chapel

Friday: 12.05pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Saturday: 5.00pm St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm St Agnes' Catholic Church

Reconciliation: Friday: 11.30am - 12 noon; Saturday: 11.30am - 12.30pm

COVID Awareness

Please continue to be mindful and respectful of each other and do not attend if you are unwell or have any cold/flu-like symptoms.

Suggested Streaming of Masses

Sunday 9.00am - Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Lismore. [YouTube Channel](#);

Daily Mass on Demand

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjiVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Mass for you at Home: Sunday 6.00am streamed on Channel 10.

Reflections: Lismore Diocese [YouTube Channel](#); [Fr Paul Daily Reflections](#)

Roster 5 July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am:

SAC: Denise Smith

R1: Gae Green

R2: Holly Hough

C: Kevin Lewis

EMHC: Dianne Gander

Denise Smith

Welcomer: Debbie Ward

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R1: Jodie Rich

R2: Tess Koning

C: Christa Pereira

EMHC: Deb Rennes

Jan O'Sullivan

Welcomer: Volunteers

Tuesday 12.05pm, 7 July

SAC: Sue Williams

R: Rene Barros

Thursday 12.05pm, 9 July

SAC: Leone Flanagan

R: Youth reader

Friday 12.05pm, 10 July

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R: Anne Hayek

Saturday 11.00am, 11 July

SAC: Sue Williams

L: Sandra Hartas

R: Wayne Evans



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St Agnes' Catholic Parish Library

Library opening times

Thursday 10am - 12pm

Friday 10am - 2pm

The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday

9.00am - 1.00pm. Phone Veronica or Mary for any enquiries on 6583 7439.

All enquiries outside these hours phone 1800 802 516.

Safeguarding Office



The Safeguarding Office is available to;

listen to your concerns respectfully and to offer support, to provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

Safeguarding Office:

P: 02 6621 9444 (Chancery)

E: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au