

Thank you from Blackwater Parish

Below is the handmade card that the parish received this week from Mary Immaculate Catholic Parish, Blackwater QLD which suffered a devastating fire that resulted in their church burning down. The card reads:

Dear Fr Paul and the Parish of St Agnes,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love, kindness and generosity you have shown us after the devastating church fire. Losing everything has been heartbreaking, but the beautiful items, support and prayers you sent, have brought comfort and hope during this difficult time. Your compassion reminds us that the church is not just a building, but a family united in faith and love. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such caring people and we will never forget the kindness you have shown to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for standing beside us and helping us begin to rebuild after this loss. May God bless each and every one of you abundantly.



Parish Office Appointment

Over two months ago, Cath Freeman retired from working in our Pastoral Office. Since that time the search has been on to find a replacement. I am pleased to announce that Peter Murphy, who has been with us for over 15 years, has been appointed to our Parish Pastoral Team from the 6 July. Peter has a long familiarity with our parish and with his organisational strengths and his personal faith Peter will be a great addition to our team. Please make Peter welcome when you see him in the parish Pastoral Office.

Fr Alejo

After 2 years of service to the Parish of Port Macquarie, Fr Alejo's appointment has come to an end effective from 1 July. As you will recall Fr Alejo came to us from Military/Police Chaplaincy work in the Philippines to experience parish life in Australia. He spent some time in Lismore and Casino parishes and then came to us here at Port Macquarie.

At his own request, Fr Alejo did not want any public acknowledgement or farewells after his time here and he left the parish last Sunday to have a break and then move on to his next appointment. I take this opportunity to thank Fr Alejo for all that he has done in the parish during his time here and on behalf of our parish I wish him all the very best.

God bless, *Fr Paul*

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Winter Appeal
2026



On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make to the life of the Church. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is the start of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week (5 - 12 July). The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'

Artwork created by Youth Delegates.

This year, St Agnes' Catholic Parish is proudly supporting the **Hastings NAIDOC Family Fun Day** on **Thursday 9 July 2026, 8:00am–3:00pm at the Wauchope Showground**. A strong presence at the NAIDOC Family Fun Day is an important way to demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation and to celebrate and share the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations peoples.

Adoration

Please Note: There will not be the usual Wednesday Adoration for the next two weeks. It will begin again on Wednesday, 22 July.

Every second Saturday of the month, in St Agnes' Church following the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11 am, until Midday. You are invited to the next prayer opportunity on Saturday, 11 July.

These opportunities align with *providing ... prayer celebrations in different and varied contexts* (3.1.8 of the Parish Pastoral Plan) and with *Year One, Call to Prayer* in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2028.



Baptisms

We pray for Lenina Fowler, Ruilan Gan and Spencer and Lola King 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.



Vinnies would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who supported the Winter Appeal.

The generosity of the St Agnes' Parish community is very much appreciated by those doing it tough in and around Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie. Every dollar raised goes towards those in need.

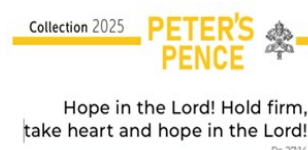
Donations can still be made via direct deposit:

BSB: 062 000 Account: 19889862

Ref: 43-441 (for St Agnes Vinnies)

Ref: 43-465 (for Lake Cathie Vinnies)

Peter's Pence Collection



Hope in the Lord! Hold firm,
take heart and hope in the Lord!
Ps 27:14



Donations can still be made to the Peter's Pence collection. The annual global offering to our Holy Father for the works of charity supported by the Holy See. Donation envelopes are available in the church and chapel entrances and can be placed on the collection plates or dropped into the Pastoral Office.

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.



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 9 July and all are very welcome. Any enquiries please contact Jenny on 0402 814 240.

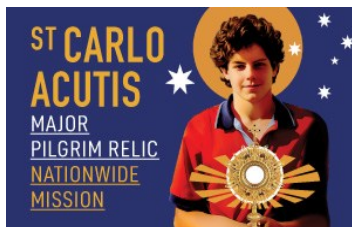
Wrap With Love

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.



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, recognised as the first millennial saint, is remembered for his deep faith and for using 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.

From 11.30am, the relic will be placed in the church for veneration. Visitors are invited to spend time in prayer and reflection, pray the Rosary, attend Mass, take part in Holy Hour and Confession, and Benediction. There will also be a talk about St Carlo Acutis in the church.

Simultaneously at 11.30am the St Carlo Acutis exhibition will be open in the Parish Hall, accessed via Leo's Lane. The exhibition will share more about St Carlo's life, his love for the Eucharist, and the Eucharistic miracles he helped make known through his work. The exhibition will close at 7pm.

All are welcome to come for part or all the day.

- ♦ **11.30 am** – Relic placed in church for veneration, Rosary begins.
- ♦ **11.30 am** – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in Parish Hall open until 7pm
- ♦ **12.05pm** – Mass of the Day
- ♦ **12.45pm** – Holy Hour & Confession
- ♦ **1.45pm** – Benediction
- ♦ **2pm** – Talk about St Carlo Acutis by Kate Hobbs in St Agnes' Church
- ♦ **2.30pm onwards** - *volunteers needed to sit in Church with relic as hourly guardian. Please contact Christa via the Pastoral Office.*
- ♦ **5.30pm** – Relics move to Parish Hall, Church closes.
- ♦ **7.00pm** – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition closes.

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.

St Agnes' Gift Shop

The parish gift shop is located in the Pastoral Office next to the Church. It offers for sale a wide range of religious gifts and cards. The office is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. The gift shop generally opens on the first Sunday of the month following 9.00am Mass. The shop will be open this Sunday 5 July, come in for a browse.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Christopher Randall, Margaret Kirby, Gwen Reeves, Frank Hannigan, Peter Wallace Jr.

Anniversaries: Andrew Turnham, Beryl Thomas, Molly & Robert Friggins, Hilton Dodds, John Cain.

Other Intentions: Christopher Sharpe, Libby Harpley, Jill Brooks, Kathleen Woods, Susan & William Brooks, John A & John P Woods, John Brooks, David Woods, T.L. Jose, Raymond Conway, 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 are taking a break over the school holidays.

Encounter Young Adults

There will be no Young Adults Bible Study on Thursday 9 July, as we will be taking the opportunity to explore the St Carlo Acutis Exhibition together. We look forward to gathering again the following week.

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

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.





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Father Paul Gooley

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Father Proencio Bognay

Father Alejo Despacio Jr

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Tues, Thurs, Friday.

9.00am-4.30pm Wednesday

Parish Pastoral Council

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c/o St Agnes' Pastoral Office

PO Box 23 Port Macquarie 2444

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

14th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A/2)

Monday 6 July

[St Maria Goretti](#)

Optional

Tuesday 7 July

[Bl Peter To Rot](#)

Optional

Thursday 9 July

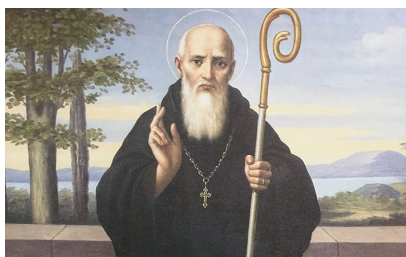
[St Augustine Zhao Rong](#)

Optional

Saturday 11 July

[St Benedict](#)

Memorial



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/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

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

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

Roster 12 July 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am:

SAC: Leone Flanagan

R1: Saidee Talty

R2: Shane Talty

C: Jim O'Brien

EMHC: Sandy Luschwitz

Gae Green

Welcomer: Mary O'Brien

5.00pm

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R1: Beth Flynn

R2: Beth Flynn

C: Sue Williams

EMHC: Carol Briscoe

Vanessa Denham

Welcomer: Jan O'Sullivan

9.00am:

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R1: Cathy Hawtin

R2: Judy Brady

C: Barry Johnson

EMHC: Peter Briscoe

Rita Koenig

Welcomer: Gavin Smith (S)

Paul Barron (W)

Tuesday 12.05pm, 14 July

SAC: Vanessa Denham

R: Tony Worner

Thursday 12.05pm, 16 July

SAC: Sue Williams

R: Anne Flinter

Friday 12.05pm, 17 July

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R: Kaye Stingel



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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