



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2026

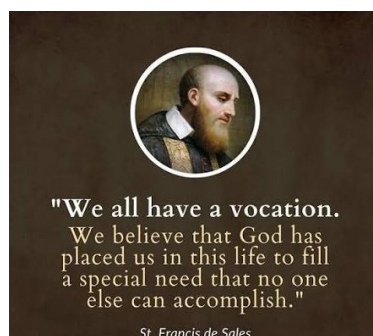
National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual, week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 2 – 9 August.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS?

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission."
St. John Henry Newman

"When a parish or school intentionally promotes vocations, men and women say yes more easily."



Prayer for the Vocations

Eternal God... Bless your Church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Are you ready, to say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening," and to begin listening to know if God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or religious? To begin that journey of discernment contact Rev Anthony Gooley, the Director of Vocations Lismore at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au or by calling 0494 656 854 or 02 6621 9444.

OUR VISION

"Everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God."

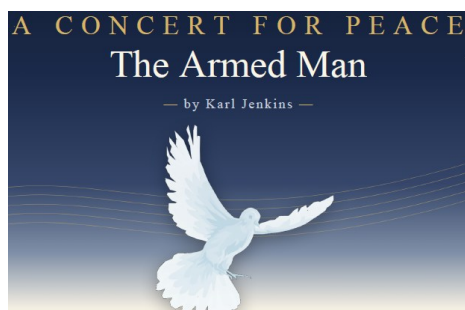
OUR MISSION

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



SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026 2:00 PM

St Agnes' Catholic Church

Musical Director — Robyn Ryan OAM

Don't miss this opportunity to be uplifted by a concert performance of

The Armed Man, by Karl Jenkins.

Tickets (\$20) available at the door or purchase prior at the Pastoral Office, or online via the QR code

(Please show your ticket for entry)

All proceeds donated to the St Agnes' Foundation.



Adoration

Every Wednesday during the school term in

St Francis of Assisi Chapel 3.30 – 4.00 pm.

There **will not** be the usual Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion or Adoration in St Agnes' Church on Saturday 8 August. Instead, Adoration will follow 9.00am Mass on Saturday 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption.

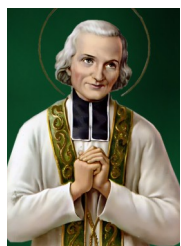
St Mary of the Cross Feast Day

Saturday 8 August is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, Australia's First Saint. There is a tapestry of Mary MacKillop in our Chapel of Saints. Her life was a journey of ups and downs, as we all have, and saw her journey as one courageously dedicated to the work of the Lord. A special feast day Mass will be held on Saturday at 8.00am.

The readings will be special feast day readings.



St John Vianney



St John Vianney is the patron saint of Diocesan and Parish priests. His feast day is 4 August. So this week we give thanks for the pastoral, spiritual and sacramental guidance given by our priests - Fr Paul and Fr Prodencio. Please keep them in your prayers.

St Agnes' Gift Shop

The gift shop, will open on Sunday 2 August following the 9.00am Mass. The shop has a wide range of gifts, and we accept cash and EFTPOS payments.

Adult Formation

Spiritual: 1. Spirituality on the Sofa (SOS). Wednesday, 5 August. Free, not recorded through Zoom, 7.30 – 9.00 pm. *Peace in Our Hearts*, with conversation leaders **Maeve Heaney** and **John Stuart**. **Maeve** is a consecrated member of the Verbum Dei Community, is the Xavier Chair for Theological Formation and Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation at Australian Catholic University. She has been President of the Australian Catholic Theological Association (ACTA) and the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology (INSeCT: Connecting Catholic Theology Worldwide). A theologian, musician, and composer, she specialises and researches into the areas of theological aesthetics, music, spirituality, ministry and leadership. Her latest book, *Suspended God: Music and a Theology of Doubt*, explores music's contribution to theology and in 2025 she released her 5th album of original music: *Mass of the Ascension*. **John** began his adult ministry in 1962 when he entered Corpus Christi College. After priesthood he continued his ministry in the Alcohol and Other Drug Field for 8 years. He was led to engage in the Ministry of Spiritual Direction and trained at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago. Since 1990 he has been working in this field and as a facilitator of Professional Development in various welfare and educational areas. He is a "Faded Folkie" as it carries the great Troubadour of storytelling; and has a deep passion for music in all its forms because it opens up the heart to the deep wisdom of the human soul. Until recently, John was a vice-president of Catalyst for Renewal. [Click here on the night](#) or contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au for the link or Marea Donovan mareadonovan@gmail.com or Phone: 0414 873 910 for further information.

2. Women's Prayer & Reflection Day. All women are warmly invited to a prayer day on Saturday, 8 August 2026 at Emmaus Village Chapel, 16 Colonel Barney Drive, Port Macquarie.

The day will offer a sacred pause from the busyness of life, with time for prayer, reflection, Scripture, and meaningful conversation. Registration begins at 9:30am, with the program running from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for lunch. A \$30 donation to the Church is invited.

Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/Hyland/womenswauchopeaugust2026>. For more information, please contact Leanne Hyland on 0421 927 435.

Faith: 1. Creating an LGBTIQ+ Inclusive Faith Community webinar presented by the Council of Australasian Catholics (CAC) and Garratt Publishing. Wednesday, 12 August, 7.00 pm with panelists, Angela Han, Stef Rozitis, and Tim Smyth who will consider questions such as identity, faith, and belonging – and what it means for the Church to be a place where all are truly welcome. [Register here](#) or contact tony.worner@stagnesparish.org for the link.



St AGNES'
FOUNDATION

2026
Appeal

As we focus on Homelessness Week, an annual national event in Australia that raises awareness about the impacts of homelessness, educates the public, and pushes for housing solutions. I urge each of us to reflect on our call to serve the most vulnerable among us. Our faith teaches us the importance of compassion, dignity, and love for all God's children. Our Parish has deepened its support for those experiencing homelessness through our prayers, actions, and provision of non-perishable foods. May we strive to provide not just temporary support, but also lasting support, guided by the example of Christ's love and mercy.

The SAF supports many different areas such as education, student tuition, and disaster relief, this current fundraising has a particular focus on support of the vulnerable.

Next week envelopes will be found in the church entrance and in the pews. All donations via the envelopes are tax deductible. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

Homelessness Week 2026

Homelessness Week is an annual Australian event running from Monday, August 3 to Sunday, August 9. This year the official theme is "Homelessness Action Now". The campaign is coordinated nationally by Homelessness Australia, it raises awareness about the impacts of homelessness and pushes for lasting housing solutions. St Agnes' Parish is supporting the Homelessness Day event on Friday 7 August.

HOMELESSNESS DAY EVENT

Awareness. Compassion. Action.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH 10AM TO 2PM

TOWN GREEN PORT MACQUARIE

RAFFLES MUSIC BBQ

Fun for the whole community!

ALL PROCEEDS GOING INTO SUPPORTING HOMELESS

Your support helps provide food, shelter, resources, and hope for a better tomorrow.

BE KIND. BE AWARE. BE THE CHANGE.
Together, we can build a stronger, more compassionate community.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION
jwright@newhorizons.org.au | jberry@newhorizons.org.au | jhancock@newhorizons.org.au

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Thelma McFarlane, Eileen Taylor, Ensi Payne, Alan Ross, Mary Wood.

Anniversaries: Frederick Curtis, Errol Levy, Patrick Wren, Carmel Roach, Anne Johnson, Jack Lindsay

Other Intentions: Nora Fortune, Fay & Max McGrath, William & Frank McGrath, Tony Craddock, Brian Begg, Islet & Douglas Gaul, Greg Gaul, The Field Family, Nicole & Alan Bridges, L. Jose, Raymond Conway, Marie & Patrick Mullens, Mary Clark, Margaret Gallagher, Barbara Riordan, Win Rohan, Peggy Collins, and masses of thanksgiving and donor intentions.



ENCOUNTER

Encounter Youth & Kids

Will return next Friday 7 August at the St Agnes' Community Centre from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. We're beginning with the long-awaited theme "Being Luke-warm". Young people in years 3-6 are invited to Encounter Kids and those in Highschool are welcome for Encounter Youth.

Encounter Young Adults

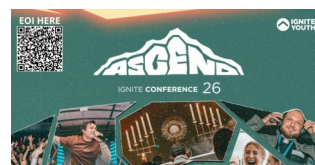
All young adults aged 18 to 35 are welcome to join us at the St Agnes Community Centre from 6pm. Don't forget to bring your bible. If you are a new young adult and would like to get connected, please contact Christa to join our WhatsApp group to stay up to date.

For Youth Ministry enquiries, please contact:

christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au

Ignite Conference Brisbane 2026

24–27 September | St Laurence's College, Brisbane



A national Catholic youth conference for high school students, young adults, and leaders.

Registration: \$320.

Accommodation: \$250. (optional for young adults).

Free transport available (limited places).

Subsidies available for Yr 9–10 students.

Scan the QR code to express interest.

Expressions of Interest close Friday 7 August.

For Youth Ministry enquiries, please contact:

christa.morrow@stagnesparish.org.au





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Father Proencio Bognay

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Tues, Thurs, Friday.

9.00am-4.30pm Wednesday

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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

18th Week in Ordinary Time

(Year A/2)

Vocations Awareness Week

Monday 3 August (Aust. only)

[St Dominic](#)

Memorial

Tuesday 4 August

[St John Vianney](#)

Memorial

(Patron of Diocesan and Parish Priests)

Wednesday 5 August

[Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary](#)

[Major](#)

Optional

Thurs 6 August

[The TRANSFIGURATION of the](#)

[LORD](#)

Feast

Friday 7 August

[St Sixtus II](#)

Optional

[St Cajetan](#)

Optional

Saturday 8 August

[St MARY OF THE CROSS](#)

SOLEMNITY

National Patron

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 9 August 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am:

SAC: Leonie Flanagan

R1: Holly Hough

R2: Gai Arnold

C: Pat McLoughlin

EMHC: Sandra Luschwitz

Dianne Gander

Welcomer: Mary O'Brien

5.00pm

SAC: Sue Williams

R1: Cody Lee

PS: Youth

R2: Youth

C: Tanya Daley

EMHC: Carol Briscoe

Jan O'Sullivan

Welcomer: Volunteers

9.00am:

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R1: Trish McCann

R2: Barry Johnson

C: Alan Wheatland

EMHC: Peter Briscoe

Maria Barros

Welcomer: Gavin Smith (S)

Paul Barron (W)

CLW: Geoff Leary

Tess Koning

Tuesday 12.05pm, 11 August

SAC: Sue Williams

R: Tony Worner

Thursday 12.05pm, 13 August

SAC: Leone Flanagan

R: Rene Barros

Friday 12.05pm, 14 August

SAC: Sandra Hartas

R: Sandra Hartas

Psalm: MacKillop College



Diocesan
Investment
Fund

4.15%

effective 1/8/2026

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)

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