



## WHO IS WORTHIER

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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## St AGNES' CHURCH



### 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



## Mass of the Angels

Our parish Mass of the Angels will be held in St Agnes' Church on Tuesday, 25 October at the 5.15pm Mass. This Mass provides an opportunity for grandparents, parents, individuals and families to remember the ones in their lives who are no longer with them. All parishioners are invited to come together to pray for one another and for all who grieve the loss of a child. The readings for this Mass will not be the readings of the day. Mass will be followed by a light supper.

## November Mass Intentions

As the month of November is fast approaching, if you would like to submit November Mass intentions for the deceased, please ensure all names are CLEARLY PRINTED and the envelope is clearly labelled November Masses. You can place your envelopes on the collection plates at weekend masses or leave them at the Presbytery Office.

## 'A Journey into the Catholic Faith'

'Journey into the Catholic Faith' continues on Wednesday, 26 October at 6.00pm in the parish hall. This week's question for discussion is:

What Do the Gospels Say About the Life of Christ?

Among all the books of the Bible, the Gospels have a special place "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" Jesus Christ. The four Gospels "faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their salvation," until he ascended to heaven. They tell us the honest truth about his conception and birth, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension. During his public life Jesus revealed his identity, explained his mission, taught his new doctrine and founded his Church. Reading the Gospels, we encounter Jesus Christ not merely as a historical figure but as the living Lord who is "always with us." Come and learn more about this and so encounter Christ anew.

JOURNEY INTO THE  
CATHOLIC FAITH

# 4TEENS

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TUESDAYS | 4 - 5:30PM | YOUTH HUB

SEEK THE ANSWERS  
UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY  
TAKE THE JOURNEY




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## Parish Giving Programme



## World Mission Sunday

*Reach out. Give life.*

On World Mission Sunday, the Gospel talks about the differing attitudes of two people praying in the Temple. One is proud and self-righteous while the other keeps his eyes averted, beats his breast and asks for forgiveness from God. In this Year of Mercy, and at this time of the annual Catholic Mission appeal, we ask that you will give, in that same spirit of humility and authenticity, to support missionaries and their work around the world, including, this year, the people and the Church in Cambodia. Your generosity will show that, like St Paul writes in the second reading, you are "running the race to the finish". Thank you, in anticipation for your kindness.

Michelle Sullivan (Director-Lismore Diocese)

## Baptism Information Night

A Baptism Information night will be held on Thursday, 27 October at 6.00pm in St Agnes' Church. This is an informative evening for parents wishing to have their child baptised. If you have any questions please contact the Presbytery Office on 6583 1024.



Holy Baptism

## All Souls Feast Day Mass Times

Please see below Mass times in our Parish for the Feast of All Souls on Wednesday, 2 November.  
St Francis of Assisi Chapel - 9.30am.  
Christ the King Chapel - 9.00am.  
St Agnes' Church - 12.05pm and 5.15pm.

## CCA Memorial Services

Parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past six months are invited to memorial services at our care of the aged facilities. There will be a cuppa after each of these services.

St Agnes Hostel	31 October at 2.00pm
Mount Carmel	3 November at 10.30am
Maryknoll	3 November at 2.30pm

## Diocesan Investment Fund

Effective from 1 October the interest rates on investments decreased by 0.20% to 2.15%.





## Lake Cathie - Morning Tea

Morning tea will be held at Star of the Sea Chapel, Lake Cathie on Sunday, 30 October after 8.00am Mass. All parishioners, including new and visitors, are invited to stay after Mass and enjoy a friendly chat and a cuppa.

## Taizè Worship - St Francis Chapel

Taize Worship will be held on Wednesday, 26 October from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Chapel. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Ellen on 0437 533 303.

## Clergy Appointments

For your information please see below the clergy appointments in our Diocese effective 28 October.  
Revd James Griffin, Administrator St Carthages.  
Revd Bing Monteagudo, AP St Carthages.  
Revd Peter Padsungay, PP Coffs Harbour.  
Revd Stefan Matuszek, AP Coffs Harbour.  
Revd Nicholas Maurice, PP Maclean.  
Revd Paul Winter, PP Clarence Valley.  
Revd Frederick Basco, AP Clarence Valley.  
Revd Alexander Munyao, AP Ballina.

## Prayer for HSC Students

As Year 12 continue their Higher School Certificate we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Lord we pray for those about to sit exams.

That they may remain calm and at peace  
so they will be able to make the best use of their  
talents, the study they have done  
and the education they have been given.

Let nothing prevent them  
from doing as well as they deserve  
and may they be ready to support  
and encourage one another. Amen.

## Church Wardens

Over the past few years, our Church Warden base has been gradually dwindling to the point where we are now desperate for men and women to be actively involved on the roster for this important ministry. Likewise, some of the masses do not have church warden leaders and therefore, on occasions, a few are doing a lot of work. If you can assist and are willing to become a leader at a Mass please call Peter on 0429 658 404 or speak to him at any of the Masses.

## Readers & Commentators & Ministers of the Eucharist

Readers and Commentators and Ministers of the Eucharist please ensure you return your Christmas availability form by Friday, 4 November. If your form is not returned it will be presumed you are available to assist at Christmas Masses.

## Remember in Prayer



**Recently Deceased:** Terry Curley, Patrick O'Hagan, Mary Vipen, Nance Smith, Val Mills, Tessa Calder.

**Anniversaries:** Beryl Walsh, Ian Wright, Betty Knight, Jon Blacklock, Danny Bradley, Kevin Geaney, Leopoldo Perez, Jack White, Mollie McHugh, Allan Wright, Dennis McLean, Bob & Hilary Wilson, John Kilmurray, Hilton Dodd, Fr John Fitzpatrick, Fr George Barry, Fr Synan McDonnell, Fr Alexander Fillodeau.

**Other Mass Intentions:** Jye Ninness, Mary Jamieson, Jimmy Jamieson, Vincy Jamieson, Johny Jamieson, Cyril & Eileen Bennett, John & Kathleen Carroll, Mary Cavanagh, Patrick Murphy, Beryl Thomas, Leila and Harry Warwick, Nell Sweeney, Gerard Cassegrain, Marija Miller, special intentions and Masses of thanksgiving.

## MacKillop Gift Shop

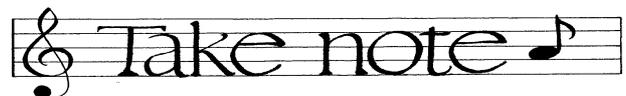
The shop has for sale 2017 Ordos, Daily Mass books, Columban calendars and Father Macs puddings. Orders are being taken for 'God's Word 2017'. Please contact the shop on 6584 9779.

## Franciscan Prayer Group

Held on the third Sunday of the month in the Tenison Woods Centre from 10.30am to 11.30am. For more information contact Charlie on 0413 848 476 or Joan on 6583 6549.

## Catholic Leader

The Catholic Leader is available for sale from the Presbytery Office on a Friday afternoon or after each weekend mass. The cost is \$2.50.



## STILLE NACHT... Save the date...

Our beautiful new organ will be the star of Hastings Choristers' Christmas concert program here in our church on the weekend prior to Christmas. Renowned Sydney organist Heather Moen Boyd will be playing solos and accompanying the choir in a varied and interesting Christmas program specially chosen to highlight the organ's many wonderful sounds. Parishioners are encouraged to save these two dates to experience our very special 75th birthday present together with Port's premier choir on two days, Saturday, 17 December at 8pm and Sunday, 18 December at 1.30pm. More information will be available closer to the date.

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**Office Hours:**

8.30am - 4.30pm

**PARISH MASSES**

**ST AGNES' CHURCH** | Hay Street, Port Macquarie

**Monday to Thursday:** 5.15pm

**Friday:** 12.05pm

**Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm

**Please note:** Weekday Masses at 9.00am on Public Holidays

**Reconciliation:** Friday 11.30am -12 noon, Saturday 11.30am - 12.30pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

*1st Saturday of the month 8.30am - 9.30am.*

**ST FRANCIS CHAPEL** /Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie

**Contact:** Sr Anne Hannigan

Ph 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259.

**Communion Service or Mass:** 9.30am Monday - Thursday

**Sunday Mass:** 9.30am

**CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL** | Boronia St, Port Macquarie

**Contact:** Sr Anne Hannigan

Ph: 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259

**Weekday Mass:** See Notice On Chapel Door

**Mass:** Saturday Vigil - 4.30pm

**Rosary:** 1st Saturday of the month 4.00pm.

**ST BERNARD'S, TELEGRAPH POINT** | Rollands Plain Rd, Telegraph Point

Thursday: 6.00pm.

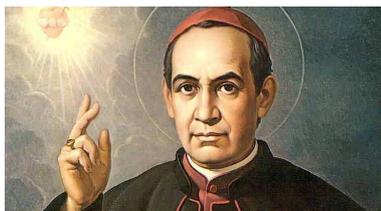
**STAR OF THE SEA, LAKE CATHIE** | Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie

**Sunday:** 8.00am.

**FEAST DAYS**

**St Anthony Mary Claret**

Monday 24 October



**St Simon & St Jude Apostles**

Friday, 28 October



**ROSTERS**

29-30 October 2016

**READERS AND COMMENTATORS**

**6pm Vigil:** George Searson

Wayne Evans

Kym Condon

**7.30am:** Sandy Luschwitz

Mary Ann Wright

Pat McLoughlin

**9.00am:** Matthew Field

Adelle Groenveld

Ann Thurgate

**5.00pm:** Ellen Hales

Caitlin Rich

Zac Parnell

**9.00am:** Hank Brinkman

Judy Brady

Cathy Hawtin

Betty Hodgson

**5.00pm:** Fran Liddy

Jim Dempsey

Pauline Murphy

Ellen Hales

**GIFT BEARERS ROSTER**

**6pm Vigil:** P & F Shaw

**7.30am:** K Farrowell &

J Dean

**9.00am:** K Cooper & Family

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**6pm Vigil:** Jason Gill

Maureen Dick

Rudolf Szibrowski

Thelma McFarlane

**7.30am:** Kay Farrowell

Jennifer Crossing

Greg Grace

John McQueen

**THE STATUE OF OUR LADY**

Genevieve Postlewait

Phone: 0439 671 539

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**31st Sunday in OT- Yr C**

Wisdom 11:22-12:2;

Psalms 144;

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;

Luke 19:19-10.

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DIF Office, Parish Administration Centre, Phone: (02) 6583 7439 9am – 1pm Monday - Friday