



It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities and workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and



our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally

think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only:

- ♦ when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others;
- ♦ when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others;
- ♦ when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

Dianne Bergant CSS  
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#### 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.



Nourished by  
**FAITH**



## A Journey into the Catholic Faith

This is a course for anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith from an adult perspective. This faith journey is open to:

- Non-baptised adults, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or simply inquiring about the Catholic faith;
- Non-Catholic baptised adults, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or simply inquiring about the Catholic faith;
- Catholic adults, those baptised but feel insufficiently instructed in the Catholic faith, or those who have fallen away from the faith at some stage in their journey, and now want to rediscover the Catholic faith;
- Adult Catholics, those who consistently live their faith and sincerely desire to deepen it.

Join us on Wednesday, 13 September at 5.30pm in the parish hall. The topic will be:

**What are the different images of God?**

After a short revision of the previous week's topic, we will look at the different views and images of God and clarify our Christian understanding of God. The questions to be explored are: Why do we believe in God? How do we know we are encountering God? What images of God are present in the Bible, in the Old and New Testaments? So what about God? Why is there so much disorder in the world? What are most common views of God?

For more information contact Fr Roland Agrisola on 6583 1024.

## Telegraph Point Mass

Please note there will be no Mass at Telegraph Point on Thursday, 14 September.

## Thank you from Vinnies

The 2017 annual Vinnies Parish Winter Appeal raised \$3,188.00. The Society would like to warmly thank parishioners for their generous donations. The local branch in Gordon Street will use this money to assist those in need with food vouchers, clothing, accommodation, furniture and general assistance.

## Father's Day Collection

Please take an envelope and donate to the annual Father's Day collection for our sick and retired priests of the Diocese. Envelopes are available from the Church and Presbytery Office.

**We welcome the children who are making their First Communion on Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.**



## MacKillop Centre

The new MacKillop Centre located at 106 Horton Street has had a 'face lift' and more volunteers are needed to assist within the Centre.

Also orders are also being taken for 'Gods Word 2018'. So, if you would like to know more about volunteering, or place an order, call Marie at the Centre on 6584 9779.

The proceeds of sales of donated second-hand books within the Centre go directly towards assisting those within the community in need of food, blankets and other forms of support. So there are many reasons to call into the Centre with opening hours 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday.

## Sacristy/Church Cleaning

It is time to compile the 2018 roster for weekly cleaning of the sacristy in the church. We have 6 groups with on average 5 people per group. Duties involved are light. If you are currently on the roster and are unable to continue, or your contact details have changed please contact Eileen. We are also seeking more volunteers. For more information contact Eileen on 6582 2225 before Saturday, 30 September.

## Child Protection Sunday

**10 September.**

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday runs in conjunction with National Child Protection Week. The theme is: "See Me, Hear Me". In the first reading for Child Protection Sunday the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of 'being a sentry to the House of Israel'. That image captures an element of the role each of us has in regard to children. As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

*Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.*

*We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.*

*May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse, then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of our healing and help.*

*Let your grace and love gently fall upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

*We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.*



*Remember in Prayer*



## All Parishioners are invited to Franciscan Retreat

Over the weekend of 23 - 24 September a retreat will be hosted by the Franciscan Order at the Francis Retreat, Bonny Hills.

Fr John Cooper, OFM, will be the spiritual leader. He is currently Spiritual Director in the Franciscan Order and based in Brisbane. He will be speaking on Franciscan spirituality, our beliefs and our 'way of life' following St Francis of Assisi who always preached on poverty and humility. Overnight accommodation is available at the venue. The cost will be \$95.00 for meals and accommodation or \$35.00 per day with no accommodation. The retreat will commence at 10.00am on Saturday morning and conclude at approximately 3.00pm on the Sunday.

Also two local parishioners will be welcomed and professed into the Franciscan order. For more information contact Joan on 6583 6549.

## Embrace Your Season

### 'Live Life Fully' St Thomas' Church

A local, weekend long conference dedicated to living your life to the fullest hosted by Port Anglican. This is a family friendly event. The conference will run from 6.00pm on Friday, 22 September to lunchtime on Sunday, 24 September in St Thomas' hall. The concept of seasons in life is something everyone can relate to. The more we can identify our current season, and learn how to respond will ultimately allow us to experience true joy in whatever stage of life we are in. We all like to look to the future, but in spending all our time looking for the next season, we have a tendency to miss all that God has for us here and now. For more information phone 6584 1033, or visit the website: [www.portanglican.com](http://www.portanglican.com).

## 2017 HSC Prayer Sponsors

Prayer Sponsors are needed for the Year 12 students of St Agnes' Parish Secondary Schools during their HSC exams. A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person with a specific intention in mind and at specific times. If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 Student, please contact the respective schools:

MacKillop College (senior site) 6583 2632  
St Joseph's Regional College 5525 4100  
Newman Senior Technical College 6580 3800  
Further details (student name, exam times, and prayers to be offered) will be sent to you before the HSC exams commence on the 16 October.

**Recently Deceased:** Beverley Hanns.  
**Anniversaries:** Frank & Mary Cameron, Mary Shaw, Josephine Duff, Theo Crowe, Edward Hogan, Fr Tom Hogan, Daphne Corrigan, Noela Maher, Fr William Nicol, Fr Francis Walsh.  
**Other Mass Intentions:** Pat Gillan, Totshie Farrales, Jim Canty, Marija Miller, Kathleen Connors, Beryl Margaret Thomas, John and Kathleen Carroll, Hilton Dodds, Beryl Thomas, Robert and Molly Friggens, John Haxell, Teresa Hickey, Jack Mooney, donor intentions and masses of thanksgiving.



## St Francis of Assisi Chapel - Cuppa

Parishioners attending Sunday Mass at St Francis Chapel are invited to stay after 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 24 September for a cuppa and chat.



## Catholic Women's League

The CWL will be holding its next meeting on Friday, 15 September at the John Worner Centre, Davoren Drive, commencing at 1.30pm. For more information contact Monica on 6582 5770.

## Christian Meditation at St Francis Chapel

We meet every Wednesday except the last Wednesday of the month when Taize services are held. Join us for Christian meditation on Wednesday, 13 September at 6.00pm. For any questions contact Simon Mervyn-Jones on 0412 236 977.

## Affordable Accommodation - Sisters of Charity Outreach

Sisters of Charity Outreach operates a great service for regional NSW residents who need to attend medical appointments and hospital in Sydney. Chisholm Cottage is a recently renovated, four bedroom, affordable, shared accommodation house in Westmead [near Parramatta] specifically offering short-term, comfortable accommodation for families, couples and individuals from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney. For all bookings - 7 days a week - contact Sonia Fingleton, Accommodation Manager, Chisholm Cottage on phone number 9633 4228. Email: [chisholmcottage@outreach.net.au](mailto:chisholmcottage@outreach.net.au) Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/service/chisholm-cottage/>



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**Office Hours:**  
8.30am - 4.30pm

## FEAST DAYS

**Tuesday, 12 September**  
The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Wednesday, 13 September**  
St John Chrysostom

**Thursday, 14 September**  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday, 15 September**  
Our Lady of Sorrows

**Saturday, 16 September**  
St Cornelius & St Cyprian

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ROSTER 17 September 2017

Rani Tink  
Natalie Jennings  
Emma Francis

## 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.

## ROSTERS

16-17 September 2017

### READERS AND COMMENTATORS

**6pm Vigil:** Jodie Rich  
Alan Wheatland  
Sue Williams

**7.30am:** David Hogan  
Joanne Hogan  
Pat McLoughlin

**9.00am:** Peta Rourke  
Richard O'Brien  
Anne Thurgate

**5.00pm:** Caitlin Rich  
Andrea Gutierrez-Valverde  
Tom Inatey

**9.00am:** Jacob Soerensen  
Jenny Soerensen  
Michelle Baird  
Albert Jacobs

**5.00pm:** Bronwyn Shipton  
Chris Kalchbauer  
Tina Madden  
Kylie Kipreotis

### GIFT BEARERS ROSTER

**6pm Vigil:** B & G Green  
**7.30am:** S Wilson & S Bale  
**9.00am:** L Fuller & J Howle

### THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

Pat & Marie Mullens  
23 The Sanctuary Close  
Port Macquarie  
Phone: 6584 1626

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**24th Sunday in OT - Yr A**  
Sirach 27:30 - 28:7;  
Romans 14:7-9; Psalm 102;  
Matthew 18:21-35.

## DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND PAYS 2.15% AT CALL!

There are no fees or charges on your account. **AGENTS:** Mrs Veronica Rinkin & Mrs Mary O'Brien  
DIF Office, Parish Administration Centre, Phone: (02) 6583 7439 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday