St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

PlenaryCouncil2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'

4th SUNDAY OF LENT
Year C
31st March 2019

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH INFORMATION
Church: 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne
Presbytery: 131 Sladen Street, Cranbourne
Parish Office: 1 Scott Street, PO Box 95, Cranbourne 3977
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Tue to Fri 8.30am - 3.00pm
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St Agatha's Primary School
3 Scott Street, Cranbourne
☎5996 2724
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131 Endeavour Drive
Cranbourne North
☎ 5996 7525
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St Peter's Secondary College
Cranbourne Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West
Clyde North Campus – 55 MacKillop Way Clyde Nth
☎ 5990 7777
Principal: Mr Chris Black

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am, & 6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am & 7.30pm
Friday: 9.30am & 7.30pm
Saturday: 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession
Friday: 10.00am
Saturday: 10.00am

Mass for Vocations
Saturdays 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am
Saturday: 10.00am – 11.00am
First Friday of the Month: 8.30pm – 9.00am

Adoration Chapel: 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

Healing Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at 6.00pm
First Saturday Mass at 9.30am
In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Friday Mass 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and all-night Adoration

Mass for the Unborn: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am
Holy Hour for the Unborn – 1st Friday of the Month 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Baptisms
Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month, starting at 3.00pm in the Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

Marriages
6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, The annual 190 Hours of Grace will start Saturday 6th April. Hours of Grace (HOG) is a 100 days Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament across Australia from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. During these moments of grace, Jesus invites each one of us to his peaceful presence where we are always welcome and where we can truly experience comfort of his loving embrace. I encourage every parishioner to join in as we prayerfully prepare ourselves to enter the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries with Jesus Christ as we make our way towards Easter.

St Agatha's School will begin works on their new Admin building this week. This will impact on our upper carpark as the builders will be fencing part of this carpark off for their builder's site. Parking will still be available if the temporary fencing gates are open. The disabled parks will still be available for parishioners. Demolition will commence on Friday 5th April till 18th April. During demolition for safety reasons the school driveway to Scott Street will be closed. During asbestos removal we are asked not to park in the parish office carpark or use the footpath. If you need to visit the parish office please park on the gravel carpark at the rear of Providence House.

Well known International Speaker 'Jeff Cavins' will be coming to St. Agatha's Church, on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 7.00pm after the 6.00pm Mass. JEFF CAVINS will present "The Activated Disciple: Taking your Faith to the Next Level". Jeff has also presented the 'Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study' series which we have been following in our parish bible study. There will be a collection taken up on the night to support the costs for the event. God bless you all, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Charlotte & Cooper Mackenzie, children of Benjamin & Melissa, Jordyn-Rose, child of George & Sarah, Violet Bourke, child of Benjamin & Natalie and Leon Petrovitsos, child of Stan & Elizabeth.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. **4th For those fighting addiction,** 11th For those affected by natural disasters or terrorism, 18th April Mass of the Lord's Supper.

LECTORS & MUSIC MINISTRY: The Gospel Readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent will be taken from **Year A at the 9.00am Mass only.**

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND SCRUTINY AT THE 9.00AM MASS: In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

HOURS OF GRACE: 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins this Saturday 6th April to 13th April. Please register your name in a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer. Timesheets are on the table in the foyer of the Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meeting this Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm.

LENTEN HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT: Br Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher, will be returning to St Agatha's as part of his Australian Lenten and Deliverance Retreats this Monday 1st April from 7.00pm-9.30pm in the Church. He will present a lesson on the Power in the Word of God and minster his Gift of Healing to those who come forward for prayer. Flyers will be available after Mass or for further enquiries Email jcilmmelbourne@gmail.com or visit www.jcilm.info

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father Antony invites children in Grade 3 and above who have made their First Communion or who will be preparing for the Sacrament this year to come to a training session this Tuesday 2nd April at 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend.

MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will take place this Friday 5th April. It will begin with Rosary at 6.30pm, Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. **The all-night Prayer Vigil is held on the first Friday of each month.** All Welcome!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Mass of Reparation in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place Saturday 6th April, **after the 9.30am Mass.** This devotion includes the reciting of 1 Rosary and meditating on the other 3 Mysteries of the Rosary and concluding with a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Welcome.

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A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code. **2QKKNB**
I Thirst, 40 days with Mother Teresa
https://formed.org/watch/5c771d77ec2ede120019cdc2

HEALING MASS:1st Sunday of the Month, at 6pm Mass led by Fr. Antony.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNTIES: St Michael's Berwick, Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm, St Patrick's Pakenham, Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm, St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North, Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm, Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren, Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm & St Agatha's Cranbourne, Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm.

NEW WELCOMERS ROSTERS: Have been emailed this week, printed copies are available from the table in the foyer.

ANNUAL HOUSE BLESSINGS: please ring the Parish Office and leave your contact details with your preferred time and day and we will contact you.

DAYS FOR LIFE: Voice for Life Group will be praying at the exclusion zone in East Melbourne. A peaceful prayer vigil, praying for an end to abortion. Please make an effort to join us to pray for the babies. Our group will leave straight after morning Mass each Tuesday.

PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY IN 2019: April & May the National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft preliminary National Report is developed, with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified.

CAR RAFFLE: Please return books ASAP to the Parish office or with your payment after Mass on the weekend. Drawn on 4th May 2019.

YOUNG MEN OF GOD MISSIONS' TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES: Is a mission that immerses young men in the Filipino culture and assist the locals to build houses for the poor. For men aged 17-35 the next trip is from 29th June 29 – 14th July. You will be provided with Mass every day, a spiritual director, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. John Duiker will be speaking this Sunday 24th March at 6.00pm Mass.

POPE FRANCIS SAID: "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." It is estimated that up to 40 million people are trapped in slavery globally – 1 in 4 of these are children. They will never get an education and they will never taste the chocolate produced from the cocoa beans they pick. But people around the world are making decisions that could change this tragedy. Follow the lead of Melbourne Catholic Schools and St. Vincent's and buy only slavery-free. It is delicious. It will feature one of these three logos. For more info & resources go to https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter

YOUTH CORNER: The Theme for this year is 'Faith Formation'.

Youth are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church. On Friday 5th April we meet at 6.50pm to practice in the Parish Hall. Mass and Stations of the Cross practice in the Parish Hall on Saturday 13th April at 10.30am.

If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other's in the Parish please give me a call. Contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Thursday 11th April 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation [Several Priests available]
Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm Tenebrae, **only 2 priests** available for Reconciliation till **9.30pm**
Wednesday 17th April Mass 9.30am
Holy Thursday 18th April No morning Mass
- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
- Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday 19th April Morning Prayer 8.00am
- Stations of the Cross 10.30am [School Oval]
- Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm –
- 3 venues - Church, Parish Hall & St Agatha's School Hall

Holy Saturday 20th April No morning Mass or Holy Hour
- Easter Vigil 7.00pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

Easter Sunday 21st April
- Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

Anzac Day Thursday 25th April 9.30am Mass, no evening Mass

Recently Deceased
Heather Duyvestyn
Julie Segusia, Ramon Jacinto
Pernia, Alan Heard
Belinda Rathean, Hazel Gaiter
Anthony Halfpenny
Archbishop Stylianos

Anniversaries:
Beatrice King
Lina & William Joseph
Merlyn Hutt 1st
Vincenzo & Maria Di Pietro
Marguerite Daly
Devasa Kottarathil
Fr Patrick O'Brien

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries **Feasts**

Saturday 6.00pm-- Thanksgiving [Joan] & Hazel Gaiter [Rec Dec]
Sunday 7.30am-- For a special intention [Mathews Family]
" 9.00am-- Nunzia, Teresa, Vincenzo & Minco Nuccio [Remb]
& Julie Seguisa, Ramon Jacinto & Pernia [Rec Dec]
" 10.45am-- For the People of the Parish
" 6.00pm-- Arvin Venancio Yte [B'day Remb]

Weekday Masses
Monday 9.30am-- Merlyn Hutt [1st Anniv] & Phillip Hutt [Remb]
Tuesday 9.30am-- Vincent Rose [18th Birthday]
Wednesday 9.30am-- Archbishop Stylianos [Rec Dec Archbishop and Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia]
Thursday 9.30am-- Alan Heard [Rec Dec]
" 7.30pm-- Carmelo & Linda Bellinvia on their 10th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 9.30am-- Vincenzo & Maria Di Pietro [Anniv] & Marguerite Daly [Anniv]
7.30pm-- Devasa Kottarathil [Anniv] & In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 9.30am-- In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & For Vocations

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

Sick List: Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Rosy Preca Pearl Roussiyan, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinvia, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia, Zinnia Noah Godden

With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Loved ones prayed for on the sick list will remain on the list for one month, unless advised otherwise.

Rosters for Ministries

30-31 March 2019: Lectors: | **Extraordinary Ministers:** | **Welcomers:**

6.00pm: D Hughes — R Trevisan, A Hughes, C D'Lima, K Jolley, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal — M Van Gunster, E Hill
7.30am: R Crozier — R Crozier, D Krella, M Soni — L Adikari
9.00am: A Ah Sui — H Speelmeyer, L Dunkley, D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, J Seeborun, P Joseph — P & T Dam
10.45am: T Macharaga — E Mandizvidza, C Besterwitch, K Johnson, T Nyerenyere, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, R Holsinger — R Afaese, M Iverach
6.00pm: Y Prasetyo — C James, L Booth, T Treacy, C Joseph, S Ganesh, B Evans, R Lupeamanu — L Tuffnell
Church Cleaners for the week 6th April: Divine Mercy Group
Counters: P & A Dam, D Barker **Children's Liturgy:** No Children's Liturgy

6-7 April 2019: Lectors: | **Extraordinary Ministers:** | **Welcomers:**

6.00pm: H Guerra — K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, S Joseph — A & A Quintal
7.30am: R Trevisan — L & S Jean Louis, R Crozier — L Adikari
9.00am: R Spierings — S Borsodi, R Daly, L Ahsio, L Lim, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho — L Nasalio, L Samuelu
10.45am: R D'Mello — T Lupeamanu, T Macharaga, R D'Mello, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro — T Weatherall, N Moore
6.00pm: A Ah Sui — V Prasetyo, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, L Tuffnell, A Antony, J Seeborun, T Hummel — M Maroney
Church Cleaners for the week 8th to 13th April: Abraham Family
Counters: L Besterwitch, W Barber, T Saldanha **Children's Liturgy**: No Children's Liturgy

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 **9.00am Mass Year A Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45**

GROUPS & MEETINGS

RCIA: [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries: Tina 5996 1985.
RCIC: For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism. Sr Mary 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP: Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.
AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters
THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES: 2nd Saturday of the Month 2.30pm-4pm. Enq: Lorraine Dunkley 5996 8771
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.
SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Leo 5995 6813
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hr by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161
INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP: Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985
AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd Sunday 7.15pm – 9.00pm. Enquiries Sr. Mary 5996 1985
VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Vinnies Shop- 218 High Street Cranbourne. Phone: 5996 3926, **Vinnies Help Line: 1300 305 330**
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month in the Hall; Rosary 7.00pm; Meeting 7.15pm.
CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND: For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 5941 4100 for appointments.
GODSTART: Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact 5996 1985
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 31ST MARCH 2019

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ***R.***

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. ***R.***

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. ***R.***

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.* ***Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death… … …