



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Third Sunday of Lent  
Year B  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

## 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

**Office Hours:** Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

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**Email:** [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://www.stagathas.org.au)

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Stanley Devasia

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Mary Olofu,

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

## Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Tina Dam

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## St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

**Principal:** Mr Terry Cahill

## St Therese's Primary School

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

**Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am**

**Monday to Saturday: 9.30am**

*Please search YouTube: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne*

*Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>*

## Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Wednesday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed  
& 7.30pm Filipino Community Mass

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

## Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am

## Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am - Live Streamed

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am - Live Streamed

Tuesday to Saturday: 8.00am - 9.00am followed by

**Divine Office:** Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

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

## Healing Mass Suspended

## First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass 7.00pm** followed by a spiritual  
teaching and Adoration till 10.00pm

**Mass for the Unborn:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel

## Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held First Sunday of the Month  
3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through  
the parish website or contacting the parish office]

**Marriages** 6 months' notice requested

## PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS, This weekend, Pope Francis is paying a four-day visit to Iraq, (Friday 5th to Monday 8th March). This is the first ever papal visit to the country and his first international trip since the start of the pandemic. This trip is meant to reassure Iraq's dwindling Christian community and foster inter-religious dialogue. Please pray that this visit be very fruitful for all Christians in particular and for the whole world in general.

Last Sunday, we received sad news of the death of one of our retired and a very wonderful Irish priest in the diocese, Rev. Fr Thomas (Tom) Joseph O'Connell. He came to Sale diocese at the age of 23, shortly after his ordination and had 19 appointments over the period of 52 years of active priestly ministry. He retired in 2008 at Trafalgar where he spent most of his ministry. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday before he was laid to rest at the Trafalgar cemetery.

Please pray for the happy repose of his soul.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Amara Caringal, child of Gaylord & Michelle, Felix Archer, child of Young Angelo & Fatima, Eloisa Ibarra, child of Rafael & Milliejoy, Jericho Maguire, child of James & Danielle, Leandra Solidarios, child of Garry & Maryly, Dion Nieva, child of Darell & Li Fang, Zali Sasse, child of Daniel & Hazel and Indiana Daly, Martin & Alanna.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed this Monday 8th March for the Labour Day public holiday and Thursday 11th March from 10.00am for a Diocesan meeting.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Spend "One hour with Jesus" (8am-9am) here in the church, Tuesday to Saturday every week. The adoration will conclude with morning prayer from the divine office.

PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer on the way out to pray for them. Thank you

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 20th March to 27th March from 8.00am to 10.00pm every day. Extra evening Masses will be celebrated during this time on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father 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 on Tuesday 16th March at 4.00pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend. Altar Servers meeting next week Tuesday 16th March from 4.00pm to 5.00pm

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people to gain access to education to build a brighter future and live-in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up for the Holy Land Commissariat at the Good Friday 3.00pm ceremony.

ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS: Online Mass bookings for weekdays *will not be necessary*. For weekday Masses come and register your name and contact details on arrival. An exception will apply on special occasions online bookings will be necessary. Weekend Mass bookings are still strictly by booking online via the parish website link [at https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html](https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html) Please arrive early to Mass as the Church will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

JUNIOR RCIA 2021: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Registrations now open. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for First Communion in 2020. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985. Ceremonies held every weekend until August 2021.

Up to 5 Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm.

For family members and guests wishing to attend the ceremony online Mass attendance bookings are required, bookings can be made via our parish website. *Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.*

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**This week: A Lent to Remember**

<https://watch.formed.org/a-lent-to-remember>

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE CREED AT 9.00AM MASS: On 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent the RCIA Elect and Candidates participate in the Scrutinies. This rite entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass, and summarises our central beliefs as Catholics. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this rite symbolizes that our Parish Community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic Faith with them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Registration forms are available via our parish website. Registration fee \$25 Classes Wednesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm Grade 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the Parish Hall. Grade 3, 4 & 5 will be dropped off and picked up from the Church. Any child not registered will not be allowed to stay for classes. Seven additional Catechists are needed to help, with RE Classes in term two. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Faustina.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you.

Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of three attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

**YOUTH CORNER: Invigorate Youth:** Welcome back from your long Christmas holiday. Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March is your day! We shall meet in the parish hall from 12noon to 2.00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Sr Mary 5996 1985.

LAUNCH OF THE YEAR ST JOSEPH: Bishop Greg Bennet warmly invites you to the Diocesan Launch of the Year of St Joseph and of the new Diocesan resource for families 'Let's Connect!'. Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of St Joseph 4.00 pm Friday 19th March 2021. St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Queen and Witton Sts, Warragul. Registrations essential: Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/BPIJI](http://www.trybooking.com/BPIJI)

FAMILY COUNSELLOR, BUSHFIRE RECOVERY -CATHOLICARE VICTORIA: Full-time or Part-time, fixed-term position until March 2023.

East Gippsland. The Bushfire Response team was established to support, address and provide paths of assistance to people affected by grief and trauma within the bushfire affected regions in East Gippsland. The Bushfire Response program will provide an outreach mobile service to the community, with a particular focus on remote townships using a CatholicCare vehicle where Community Development activities, material assistance and referrals can be made from. This role will travel to Churches, Community groups, Sporting Groups, Schools, Festivals and Markets to support the community on a rostered and regular basis. Applicants are required to have a degree in Psychology, Counselling or Social Work with a proven track record in grief, loss or trauma counselling and relationship counselling to be considered for this role. Applications close: Sunday, 21 March 2021 For further details Visit "Careers" on the CatholicCare Victoria Website [www.ccvm.org.au](http://www.ccvm.org.au) or on the Diocesan Website Job board [www.cdsale.org.au/job-vacancies](http://www.cdsale.org.au/job-vacancies)

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email [Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au) If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: Call 000