



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**First Sunday of Lent
Year C
6th March 2022**

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: Mon 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Tue to Fri 8.30am - 3.00pm

[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

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Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Stanly 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

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Deputy Principal: Liam Doherty

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: **8.00am** - Live Streamed

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: **11.00am** - Live Streamed

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday & 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. Please check in with the
Victorian QR code app on arrival.

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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month

7.30pm-8.30pm

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: Bishop Greg will be coming to St Agatha's to ordain Mark Hughes a parishioner of St Agatha's to the Diaconate on Saturday 12th March at 11.00am at St Agatha's. Parishioners are invited to join us for Mass followed by light refreshments in the School Hall after Mass. Due to Government Restrictions only fully vaccinated will be able to attend the refreshments in the hall. Please note 9.30am Mass will not be celebrated on the 12th March. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

Recently the Sacristy has become very congested with parishioners, the Sacristy is exclusively for the Priest, Sacristan, Lector and Extraordinary Ministers. Due to COVID and limited space in the Sacristy, if you wish to speak with a Priest please wait outside to do so.

Thank you to the huge numbers of parishioners who attended Ash Wednesday Masses, what a great start to Lent.

This weekend we pray for those in the parish RCIA groups who will travel to St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, for the Rite of Election. This is the beginning of a special time of preparation for the Easter Sacraments; please keep them in your prayers.

Please note Mass this Wednesday will be celebrated at 8.00am as Fr Stanly and myself will be attending a Clergy reflection day in Warragul. May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Laylah McMillan, child of Bryce & Simona, Zachariah Nair, child of Kriesan & Shireen, Macey Nicholas, child of Westley & Liesl, Alaia Fosio, child of Mark & Agnes and Kiara San Pedro, child of Francis & Katrina.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 9th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Church. Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited to take a prayer card from the Church foyer and pray for one of the children preparing to make their First Reconciliation. Thank you.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

RCIA CATECHUMEN & CANDIDATES will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9.00am Mass today. Please continue to pray for Amal, Jörg & Vlad as they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale.

SISTERS ROLES: This year the Sisters have changed their roles, Sr Faustina is now responsible for the Sacraments. Sr Victoria is responsible for Liturgy, RE Classes and Junior RCIA. Sr Mary is responsible for Pastoral Visits, God Start and the Youth.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. For more information: lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 17th 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for children in Government Schools Wednesday during school terms at 4.00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS: Would you like to volunteer as a RE Catechist? Classes are held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Experienced Catechists and new member welcome. For more information contact Sr Victoria on 59961 985

CATECHISTS & CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS: The Diocese of Sale invites all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend the Annual Gathering and Eucharist Tuesday 22nd March 9.00am Sion Room, Sion House, Warragul. RSVP by Wednesday 16th March to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au

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Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: For the Children preparing for Reconciliation

For the Children: **Let's Learn about Lent**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/let-s-learn-about->

CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" Thank you.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE OF AUSTRALIA: Since late 2019 parishes have generously donated to the mission. St Agatha's collection raised \$1,517.75, The Military Ordinariate thank parishioners for their generosity.

ACRATH: Pope Francis said: "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." Not all chocolate is sweet. Not if a child has been forced to pick the cocoa beans - a key ingredient of chocolate. About 80% of cocoa comes from West Africa and it is estimated that almost 2 million children are in child labour in these areas.

They may never go to school or taste the chocolate they help produce.

Make a change this Easter and buy only slavery-free chocolate to ensure no child labour or forced labour was used in the production. Slavery-free chocolate will feature one of these certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. Slavery-free chocolate is delicious, and you can buy it at ALDI, Haigh's, and other leading supermarkets and shops.

For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: We also offer this year: Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius de Loyola with limited places.

- Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts. This is an inclusive and contemporary retreat that has the same dynamic seasons as that of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola written in the early sixteenth century.

This has limited places so please book in early.

- Spiritual Direction

Please contact either Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, it is a Diocesan requirement that leaders are to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for Safeguarding records and QR code on arrival.

CUPPA WITH MARY: When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Çuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

PIANO: Grandiola Stems-Dresden Piano free for pick up. If you are interested, please contact Des on 0400 854 572

INVIGORATE YOUTH: Outdoor activity with their parents at Casey Fields next Sunday 13th March at 12noon. Come prepared to have fun, bring your lunch box or something to share. More information contact Sr Mary

COVID SAFETY:

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.

FACE COVERINGS: Are not mandatory but are recommended if you cannot physically distance.

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 If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**