



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B
14th 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

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

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: 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 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, May I invite you to please join and support St Agatha's Voice for life Group. Voice for Life (VFL) is dedicated to building a culture where human life is valued and respected from conception to natural death. One where the dignity and wellbeing of every human being is prioritised and celebrated as a profound and wondrous good. The St Agatha's VFL has organized several events and activities in the parish including Mass of the angels, establishment and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, March for life, etc. If you wish to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life here in our parish, please contact Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864. May God bless you. Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Laklam, Margrietta, Ahlyah and Jarrad Ng Lam-Lokotui, Thomas Dingli, Lola Ward, Nicolas Casale and Nakoa Charles-Neri.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at Mass this Friday for the feast of St Joseph.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 16th March at 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall.

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. To spend some time with Jesus in prayer, please place your name on the sheets in the foyer.

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.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS: Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses next weekend 20th & 21st March. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please give generously to this appeal. Donations can be made project boxes, envelopes, by visiting 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> 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.](#)

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND SCRUTINY AT THE 9.00AM MASS THIS WEEKEND: 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.

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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with the parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: Stations of the Cross with Br Francis

<https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis-4-part-series/videos/brother-francis-the-stations-of-the-cross>

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. Today Sunday 14th 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/BPIJ

AN UPCOMING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - THE DIOCESAN SERVICE OF COMMUNION OF THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity. Looking forward with great excitement to catching up with you all (Fr Francis). Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows: Venue: St Ita, Drouin, Dates: Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit, Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit, Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg. Time: 10.30 am each day.

The other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/Parish levels. For parishes where there is no Prayer Group or leaders to facilitate the seminars, parishioners can choose to join with one of the following Parishes/Prayer Groups: St Michael Traralgon; St Mary Bairnsdale; St Ita Drouin; St Michael Berwick; St Agatha Cranbourne; St Patrick Pakenham; and, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Please contact the Parish Secretaries or Prayer Group leaders to know the meeting details. For other general enquiries please contact: John Duiker (Cranbourne, Diocesan Moderator); Anushka (Berwick, Diocesan Secretary), Julie Powell (Prayer Group leader, Warragul/Drouin), Fr Francis Otabo (Chaplain). "May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

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**