



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Plenary Council 2020  
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'

**FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
Year A  
1<sup>st</sup> December 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

**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](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 Antony Rebelo IVD

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Mary Olofu,  
Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya  
Sr. Julie Ogbale [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 Secretaries:** Sue Ryan & 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

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 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 on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMETABLE

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
**Christmas Eve: 7.00pm** – Family Mass, **9.00pm & Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)  
**Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am** “NO MASS SUNDAY EVENING”  
**New Year's Eve: 11.00pm** Vigil Prayers, followed by **Midnight Mass**.  
**New Year's Day: 9.00am & 10.45am**



**Dear Parishioners,** We welcome Fr Abraham to St Agatha's parish who is on holidays visiting Fr Antony. Fr Abraham is an Indian priest working in Italy, he will be staying in Australia until 12<sup>th</sup> December and will return to India on his way home.

This week 14 of our parish youth will be travelling with Sr. Mary for the ACYF in Perth, they will be attending Mass this Thursday at 7.30pm and receive a blessing before they travel.

This Sunday the Children's Choir have been invited to sing at the Cathedral in Sale, we ask God blessing on them.

Today at Mass you will hear about our the new “Tap and Go” donation terminals which will be installed in the foyer this week.

God bless, Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN GOD:** Ruvarashe Chimombe, child of Freeman & Shelter, Cyrus Masofa, child of Terrance & Monique, and Eniasi Tokelau, child of Seleti & Rosita.

**BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** We are in need of some babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. If you are able to help at this special time please contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** If you are able to assist as an extraordinary minister at Christmas please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer. Sr Faustina

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Will be taken this weekend to help raise funds for the Youth who will be attending the ACYF in Perth.

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES:** Today we begin live streaming of the 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses, for those parishioners who are home bound and are unable to attend Mass. This will begin on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. **As a result, this will require permission from the parents of the all Altar Servers.** Copies are available from the foyer to collect and return to the parish office. Please make note to complete the question on page 2 regarding consent for media purposes.

**HEALING MASS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm Mass led by Fr. Antony.

**MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL** will take place this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It will begin with Divine Office 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019, **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.

**MENALIVE NEXT EVENT:** Thanks to all that responded and attended the menAlive weekend on 16th-17th November, it was a very spirit filled and successful event. The next event is scheduled for Friday, 13th December 2019, in the Parish Hall, from 7pm onwards. We will catchup, form our groups, share a BBQ / Pizza dinner together, play some indoor games (Table Tennis / Air Hockey / Foosball already acquired by the Parish) etc. A small fee of \$10 is requested to subsidize for the food & drinks.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION:** On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm we will be celebrating our big parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas. There will be numerous priests available, please mark this date in your diaries. Other opportunities for Reconciliation times all at 7.30pm, are St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, St Patrick's Pakenham 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, St Michael's Berwick 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will be singing carols and presenting a small nativity play on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> December after the 6pm evening Mass.

**CARPARK USHERS:** Due to the large numbers attending Masses at Christmas we are in need of carpark ushers, especially at the 7.00pm, 9.00pm and midnight Mass. If you are able to help please place your name and number on the clipboard in the foyer.

**DEDICATED SINGERS:** If you would like to join the Worship Voices Choir to sing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 6.00pm. Please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.



**THURSDAY EVENING MASS:** focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions for the month of

**December: 5<sup>th</sup> For families travelling on holidays, 12<sup>th</sup>** thanksgiving for blessing received during the year, 19<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for families blessed with a baby in 2019 and blessing for those born in December

**SIMBANG GABI:** Masses will be celebrated at 5.00am from 16<sup>th</sup> December until 24<sup>th</sup> December followed by breakfast in the parish hall. Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics leading to Christmas Eve.

**CHILD SAFETY CORNER:** Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged CatholicCare to conduct a series of training sessions for the clergy, parish employees and **ALL volunteers** across the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Patrick O'Regan states: “Attendance at these sessions will ensure that all

clergy, parish employees and volunteers grow in understanding of legislation and the practical implications underpinning child and vulnerable adult safety within organisations and institutions. .... It is my expectation that by April 2020 ..... all clergy, parish employees and volunteers will have attended a training session.” A training session for St Agatha's parish will be conducted on St Agatha's parish will be conducted on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 202 at 10.00am.** All employees, parish council members and volunteers are requested to register your participation online at: <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training> The training session is expected to take about 2½ hours. There will be no charge as it is sponsored by the Diocese of Sale. It includes a training booklet, tea and coffee.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** We would like to invite parishioners to donate a toy for a child aged between 2-14years. These gifts do not need to be wrapped as the parents are then able to choose a gift for their child.

The toys will be distributed with the Christmas Hampers. Part of making those experiencing difficulties in our community have a nice Christmas. Thank you and God bless you all.”

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH:** Monday, 9 December, 2019 to Friday, 10 January, 2020 Where: St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. All Welcome! Cost: FREE Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parents Viewing time: After Mass times and any other time by appointments only Contacts: 9795 6217 (parish office) Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

**NEEDED DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CARITAS:** Would suit a motivated person with an interest in Project Compassion and related activities. Travel around the diocese at times, particularly in Lent (fuel allowance and other allowances). May suit someone recently or partly retired (perhaps but not necessarily with a teaching background). Contact: Dcn Mark Kelly 0427748646/ [Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au)

**EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Cost \$1500, Registration by 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. 10% early discount by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Registration 0477 474 848

**MONASH UNIVERSITY:** Invite Indian nurses in Australia to volunteer for a study on career development. For more information please see notice board in the Church foyer or contact Dr Allegra Schermuly on 0431 536 418 or email [allegra.schermuly@monash.edu](mailto:allegra.schermuly@monash.edu)

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<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent/season/2/videos/join-brother-francis-this-advent>

**YOUTH CORNER ARE YOU IN YEAR 7 – YEAR 12?** Would you like to join our Junior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 12-14 or our Senior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 15-17? For more information please contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.



**The Recently Deceased:** Emilia Pascual, Lesley Hoban, Edward Imperial, Mandy Grosvenor, Paul Biviano, Sieni Dam, Nonito Bernardo, Francesca Bombaci, Shirley Campbell [In NZ]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** K.M Antony, Ameriano Magsanoc, Maria Cristina Magsanoc, Carlton Narcis, Parnunthu Emmanuel, Emmanuel Lily Puspum, Carmelo & Concetta Sottile, Joseph Angelo, Enid & Reginald Besterwitch, Thomas, Anthony & Maria Bastian, Fr James Hayes, Fr Dave Cagney

**Those who are sick:** Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Yolanda Shedden, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Margaret Fry, Edgar Lalouette, Una Williams

*With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Please advise the Parish Secretaries if you wish to be taken off the sick list.*

*If you would like a Mass Offered for a loved one, special occasion or other intention please contact the Parish Office at least a week prior to the date requested.*

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

30 Nov/ 1 Dec Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	T de Pradines	R Trevisan, P Hunt, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, L Lim	B Harris
7.30am	P Martin	A Quintal, L Jean Louis, D Krella	L Adikari
9.00am	M Parrocho	H Speelmeyer, A Malia Ulu, D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, G Nelson, S Borsodi	L Nasalio
10.45am	R D'Mello	J Thomas, N Atulia, R D'Mello, P Schreurs, C & G Clark, R Holsinger, L Tyminski	T Weatherall
6.00pm	Y Prasetyo	S Labella, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, A Antony, J Seeborun, T Hummel, B Evans	N Moore
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		S Lucas, F Dickie	M Maroney
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & R Afaese, G Caballero	
CHURCH CLEANERS	7 Dec	Divine Mercy Group	
7/8 Dec Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	S Labella	T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt	J Bourke
7.30am	K Luxford	D Krella, A Quintal, L Adikari	K Martini
9.00am	D Marie	P Joseph, J Seeborun, L Ahsio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, T Dam	G Nelson
10.45am	T Macharaga	C Tyminski, L Fosio, M Gambin, E Mandizvidza, T Macharaga, K Johnson, A Antony, Volunteer	L & G Clark
6.00pm	T Hummel	C Joseph, S Ganesh, R Weinman, T Treacy, J Connell, S Labella, C James	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		A Mastroianni & S Lucas	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, D Krella, T Macharaga	
CHURCH CLEANERS	9 - 12 Dec	Afaese Family	
CHRISTMAS CHOIRS	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm Children's Choir, 9.00pm Youth Choir, 12 Midnight Divine Mercy Choir	
	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30am Rasa Choir, 9.00am Organ Choir & 10.45am Milo & Family Choir	

#### 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 Faustina 5996 1985.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Parish Hall Ph Jacinta 0426973026, Wed 7.30pm Providence. Ph: John 0448343074

**PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY:** For further information contact Parish Office.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161

**INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9.30am & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

**AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP:** Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table or to register on our website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>*



## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into plough-shares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!" **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace upon you!" For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

### **SECOND READING**

*Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon –let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!***

### **GOSPEL**

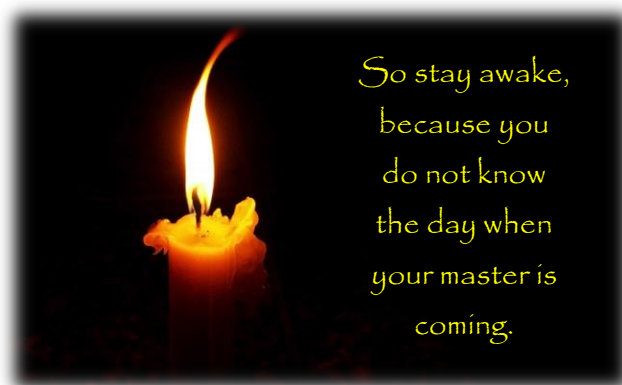
*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour ... ..



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