



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**Plenary Council 2020**  
*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* EV22

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to visitors:

Office Hours: Monday - 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 Stanly Devasia

**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 Secretary:** 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

**Live Streamed**

**Saturday 6.00pm & 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

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

### Reconciliation/Confession

Suspended until further notice

### Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am - Live Streamed

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 5.00pm - 6.00pm - Live Streamed

Sunday: 8.00am - 9.00am - Live Streamed

**Adoration Chapel:** Closed until further notice.

**Healing Mass** Suspended

**First Saturday Mass at 9.30am**

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass**

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

9.30am - Live Streamed

**Holy Hour for the Unborn**

### 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

**Dear Parishioners,** On Thursday we learnt of the sad news of the sudden passing of Sr Cathy Dean, RSJ, at St. Vincent's Private Hospital in Melbourne. This news has come as a shock to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sr Cathy's family and her Josephite sisters. Sr. Cathy is well known in our Diocese, her home Parish of Bairnsdale and more recently in the Iona/Maryknoll & Koo Wee Rup Parishes.

Many of our long-time parishioners will remember Sr Cathy, for the 3 years she spent ministering to the parishioners of St. Agatha's, Cranbourne. Sr. Cathy joined St Agatha's the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2000 and worked as Pastoral Associate until 24<sup>th</sup> August 2003, when she left to continue her ministry in Peru.

We have very fond memories of her beautiful smile and sense of humour. May God grant her Eternal rest.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Beginning this week we will return to Live Streaming Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour after 9.30am Mass on Friday and Saturday Morning from 10.00am to 11.00am.

**PRAYER FOR 2020 WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS:** Pope Francis has stated that human trafficking is "without any doubt, a crime against humanity". "Trafficking seriously damages humanity as a whole, tearing apart the human family and the Body of Christ." (St Peter's Square, Rome, April 10, 2019).

Let us pray for all who have been robbed of their God-given dignity:

***Loving God, may our prayers and actions cast light on this crime and help bring it to an end. May those who suffer know the blessings of true justice and peace. Amen***

<https://acrath.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Prayer-for-World-Day-Against-Trafficking-in-Persons-2020-1.pdf>

**ST MARY MACKILLOP NOVENA:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, one of the Principal Patron Saints for Australia. A novena prayer to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be prayed at Mass leading up to her Feast Day from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August. This year we will be praying for the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop for the end to this pandemic.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTON:** Is available in the parish, please contact Ruth on 0477 800 161 for more information.

**WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?**

In Spiritual Direction you reflect deeply on the daily experiences of your life. Gradually, as you reflect, you begin to recognize God's presence and grace. You come to realize how God's spirit is truly with you every day and everywhere, as close as you are to yourself. Spiritual Direction is not really about being 'directed'. Rather, it is very much about being 'invited' to draw closer to God. You are warmly invited into this relationship as God seeks you where you are.

**DAILY PRAYER:** Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

**MASS OFFERINGS:** At your request, a Mass can be offered for your intention. This can only be arranged through telephoning the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

**THE BLESSING AUSTRALIA:** During this time of uncertainty and physical isolation, over 300 local churches united together in Australia to sing a blessing over our nation. This is the first time this has happened. You can find a full list of all churches across who sent in a submission here, we honour everyone.

<https://theblessingaustralia.com/chur...> Our desire is to shine the light of Jesus in a time of darkness. We hope that this song will fill you with peace and encouragement.

**Formed**

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!

Go to our parish website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html> on how to join and logon with the parish code. 2QKKNB Every week, Formed highlight different content.

**Catholic Heroes of the Faith:**

<https://watch.formed.org/catholic-heroes-of-the-faith>

**HSI DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL IS NOW GOING ONLINE:** It's free. The main purpose is to train people in the faith, to learn it, to live it and to share it. If you would like to know more go to our website news & events page. For registrations go to <https://bit.ly/anzregister>

**CATHOLIC MENS GATHERING:** The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

*"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?"*

**Acts 2:37 Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.**

**Cost: FREE Registration: Available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June Event Program: Available from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

Go to: [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT: SUN 21st MARCH - SUN 28th MARCH 2021** Cost: \$1,500.00 Registration by 4th January 2021. 10% Early Bird Discount by 14th December 2020. Guided by: Emmaus Ministry Team, Maximum number 10 Walkers. Enquiries and Registration: Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such a promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html> Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

**COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE:** Due to the COVID restrictions, if you have purchased a book for this raffle, ticket stubs will need to returned to the parish office ASAP **Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm. Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.**

**2020 TRINITY FAMILIES GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN:** Charities providing services for families in the Catholic Diocese of Sale are invited to apply to Catholic charity Trinity Families for 2020 project funding. Deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

Applications must be from registered charities with deductible gift recipient status.

Charities wishing to apply for funding are encouraged to download the fillable application form on the website [www.trinityfamilies.org.au/sale-diocese/application-form.html](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au/sale-diocese/application-form.html) and send it back.

**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.** Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin via the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985, **Diocesan Professional Standards Officer:** 03 5614 5140. If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**



**The Recently Deceased:** Sr Cathy Dean RSJ, Theresa Aw  
**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:**  
 Dorothy O'Callaghan, Doming Alferrez, Georgina Anderson, Avril & Alister King, Olga & Charles Allen, Norberto Duran, Ana Archiaga, Magdalene Thomas, Luz Cadanayan, Joseph Sandanasamy, Ron Broadbent, Felix Weinman, Allen Firth, Mattea Carmelo Molino, Anastacia Fali Nasalio, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reg Wilson, Fr Francis Feruga  
**Those who are sick:** Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Warren, Lorenzo, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odelia Schreurs

*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 Secretary 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 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Matt 14:13-21**

25/26 <sup>th</sup> July Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir		
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CHURCH COUNTERS			
CHURCH CLEANERS			
1/2 <sup>nd</sup> August Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
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9.00am	T Dam		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
CHURCH COUNTERS			
CHURCH CLEANERS			

**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.
- 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
- YOUTH GROUP INVIGORATE Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. 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

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

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES:** Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.00am Mass, Masses 9.30am weekday are Live Streamed, for those parishioners who are home bound and unable to attend Mass. <https://www.youtube.com/StAgathasParishCranbourne>


<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>
 @StAgathasCP
 

**PARISH APP:** The parish has an APP that is available from the 'APP STORE' and the 'GOOGLE PLAY STORE'. It contains Mass Times, Parish Calendar, Weekly Bulletin and much more! Simply search for **St Agathas** and download the APP to your mobile device.

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**FIRST READING**

*1 Kings 3:5.7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Lord, I love your commands.***

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed: therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he

justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death ... ..

