



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

## 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)

### For Parish News & Events:

<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Ajin Albarnas

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Faustina Ede &  
Sr. Victoria Orinya

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Tina Dam

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr Adam Dam

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Mrs Anita Hughes

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

### St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

**Principal:** Mrs Kate Dourley

### St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

**Principal:** Mrs Felicity Broughton

### St Peter's Secondary College

Cranbourne Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West

Clyde North Campus - 55 MacKillop Way Clyde Nth

☎ 5990 7777

**Principal:** Mr David Hansen

## 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*

### Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: **8.30am**

Wednesday: 9.30am & 12noon St Therese's School Chapel

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am, 12.30pm St Agatha's School & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

### 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 Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by

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

### Adoration Chapel: Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

### First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass** 7.00pm Healing Mass followed by

Adoration till 9.00pm

**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 after 9.30am  
Mass

### Baptisms

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month,  
at 3.00pm in the Church.

[Information Session Bookings may be made through the parish  
website or by visiting the parish office]

### Marriages

6 months' notice requested.

## PARISH NEWS

**Dear parishioners,** a heartfelt thank you to all our parish groups—the Divine Mercy Group, Parish Youth, Divine Kids, Mothers Who Pray for Their Children, and the Legion of Mary—for your wonderful efforts in organising and celebrating Grandparents' and Elderly Day so beautifully. Your dedication, generosity, and teamwork made the celebration a joyful and memorable occasion for our parish community. We also extend our thanks to the students of St Agatha's School, St Therese's School, and our RE classes for the beautiful greeting cards they prepared for our grandparents and elderly. Your thoughtful messages and creative work brought great joy and touched many hearts. Our sincere appreciation also goes to our parish office staff for preparing the beautiful photo tribute honouring our grandparents and the elderly. We are especially grateful to all our parishioners who generously shared treasured photographs with their grandparents, making this tribute even more meaningful and personal. May God bless everyone who contributed in any way to making this celebration such a wonderful expression of love, gratitude, and respect for our grandparents and the elderly.

**National Vocation Awareness Week from 2-9 August:** NVAW is an annual, week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 2 – 9 August. It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to "care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood." (Pastores Dabo Vobis, n.34) During this week, we are invited to renew our efforts to support young people in the discernment of their vocations, recognising the existential challenges posed by our modern world and the struggle many face in the search for meaning.

*(Adapted from the message of Fr Daniele Russo on Australian Catholic Diocesan Vocations Directors Conference's website)*

### **Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Saturday 8th August**

Fr. Ajin and myself wish you all a very blessed festal greetings on the solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A woman of faith who lived by the power of the Cross. She faced many tragic deaths in her family including the fatal drowning of her mother Flora in a shipwreck. She was battling with physical illness. She was a woman who had great trust in God believing that God would provide whatever we needed in all aspects of our life. She often reminded her sisters: "GOD'S WORK DOES NOT DEPEND ON ANY OF US".

**Please note that this Tuesday 4th August, on the feast day of St John Maria Vianney, patron saint of priests, mass will be celebrated at 8.30am.** Fr Antony

**SPECIAL COLLECTON:** Will be taken up next weekend for CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

**CONFIRMATION:** Parent and Child Workshop Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm St Agatha's school.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Please collect a prayer card for a child making their Confirmation and pray for them. Cards are available from the table in the foyer.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO:** For elderly volunteers and those who do not have access to a computer. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am please register your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer or phone the parish office to register.

**POSITION VACANT** – Parish Gardening and Property Support. A position has become available based at St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. This role is to provide gardening and general maintenance work for the Parish grounds and properties. The position is part-time, 2 days a week 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office via email or directly on 03 95996 1985.

**GODSTART:** Volunteers are required to drop off Godstart cards for children celebrating their birthday in your area. Every month from ages 1-5. These children have been baptised St Agatha's. Usually, three to four cards a month.

**COUNTING TEAM:** We require a volunteer to assist on a counting team once every 3 months please contact the parish office.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Mothers Who Pray for their Children will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August after 9.00am & 10.45am Mass. A representative of the group will be speaking at 9.00am and 10.45am Mass.

**THE MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** movement warmly invites all parishioners for the upcoming Formation Gathering, to be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at St Michael's Catholic Parish. The theme for this year's gathering is "Eucharist: God's Gift, Encounter with Christ". The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet. This gathering is open to mothers, grandmothers, and all those interested in growing deeper in their faith and understanding of the Eucharist. Sunday 16th August 2026, 8:30am to 3:45pm, St Michael's Catholic Parish, 33-35 Kay Street, Traralgon. Registration via TryBooking QR code on the flyer in the foyer. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1601802>

**DIVINE KIDS - Sunday Bible Classes: For Ages 5-12** resume today in the Parish Hall after 9.00am Mass. Help your children to grow and connect with their faith. A lesson focused on the bible, prayer and activities.

**DIVINE KIDS** will be hosting a Retreat on the 'Eucharist' for children and teens (ages 5 to 15) in August. A 2-day Retreat. August 22 and 23, 2026 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton. For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au)

**ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** As part of St Agatha's 50th Anniversary celebrations, we're gathering stories from past and present students, families, and staff. We'd love to hear about your time at St Agatha's — the moments that shaped you, the friendships you made, and the memories that still make you smile.

Your story can be shared in any format that suits you: written, a voice recording, or a video message or just a photo. These will become part of our anniversary exhibition, celebrating the rich history of our school community.

What are your favourite memories of St Agatha's Primary School? We'd be delighted if you shared your story with us. Please email your story to [info@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au) by 5th August, 2026.



All verified stories will be shared at our event titled Symphony of Stories on August 26, 2026 in the school Hall. Use this QR code or link to open the form <https://forms.gle/JBV7CrKBSZyjqxf8>

**SAFEGUARDING:** Parish volunteers, all clergy, parish employees, volunteers involved in children's ministries and those who are due to complete training as part of the three-year refresher cycle. Will have received an email from Safetrac Safeguarding Training on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026. This is not a scam, online training is a compliance requirement, we encourage you to complete the training module ASAP. A reminder that anyone who has not yet completed the 2025 Safetrac training will still need to complete it, in addition to the 2026 training that was released on 1 July 2026. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to creating safe and welcoming parish communities. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Anita or the parish office.

**MARY MACKILLOP: A SAINT OF OUR TIME** Explore Saint Mary MacKillop's legacy and learn how to draw inspiration from her life to make a meaningful difference today. Presenter: Sr Rita Malavasi RSJ (over 30 years in ministry and prominent refugee advocate). Thursday, 6th August 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Online. Registration: [cdsale.org.au/events](http://cdsale.org.au/events) 03 5614 5163 [newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au)

**NATIONAL CENSUS** (Tuesday 11 August 2026). The national Census is an important opportunity for everyone in Australia to be counted and represented. The information collected helps governments and community organisations - including churches - plan for services, infrastructure, and support in our local areas. **We encourage all members of the Sale diocese to take part in the Census and include your religious affiliation.** Your response helps ensure that our faith communities are recognised and supported in future planning.

**ST VINNIES FOOD BIN:** "Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time." If you'd like to help the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

**DIGITAL KEY: If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately.** If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

**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 Officer is Anita Hughes [Wednesday] contact 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.**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:** 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732; SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188; ORANGE DOOR: 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham.



**The Recently Deceased:** Rafael Lopez, Eduardo Diaz, Marth Fernandez

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Edith Rodrigues, Anton Martins, Gillette Chavry, Conny Changtime, Tessie Gahon, Liston Spink, David Wookey, Noel Dawson, Piuti Lesoa, Carmelo Mattieu Molino, Ismael Jardeleza, Angelo D'Costa, John Rodrigues, Virigina Aquino, Nirupa Perera, Flavia Martins, Virginia Guevarra, Ranjith Silva, Yashwin D'Costa, Norma Mills, Albert Speelmeyer, Rhea D'Costa, Claude & Josian Barbe, Gary Chung, Joseph Desmier, Norman Martins, Alberta Parrocho, Maria Teresa Gahon

**Those who are sick:** Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Frs. Michael Willemsen & Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a

*With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family.  
Loved ones prayed for on the sick list will remain on the list for one month, unless advised otherwise.  
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 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Kings 19:9,11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> August | Lector      | Extraordinary Ministers                                             | Welcomer    |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sat 6.00pm                               | H Guerra    | B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim                    | -           |
| 7.30am                                   | C Gostimir  | L Joseph, T Heldt                                                   | L Tyminski  |
| 9.00am                                   | A Ulu       | S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira, K Auvale, M Gambin    | D Krotwaar  |
| 10.45am                                  | J La'Brooy  | M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino | T Lupeamanu |
| 6.00pm                                   | J MacDonald | J MacDonald, volunteer                                              | A Karunda   |
| CHURCH COUNTERS                          |             | C D'Lima, M D'Lima, L & P Joseph                                    |             |

| 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> August | Lector        | Extraordinary Ministers                                                  | Welcomer     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sat 6.00pm                               | S Crinall     | R Sutherland, M Parrocho, K Parrocho, R Clarke, M Thomas                 | -            |
| 7.30am                                   | R Trevisan    | L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu                                              | P & L Joseph |
| 9.00am                                   | T Dam         | A Ulu, C Noronha, Y Prasetyo, Dsouza, M Krotwaar, C Pereira, M Dam       | B Duyvety    |
| 10.45am                                  | T Nyereneyere | M Thomas, A Fosio, R Papiernik, J La'Brooy, Dsouza, T Nyerenere, S Lucas | R Lupeamanu  |
| 6.00pm                                   | J La'Brooy    | A Kumarasin, B DSouza                                                    | A Karunda    |
| CHURCH COUNTERS                          |               | P & T Dam, J Bourke                                                      |              |

### ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN**  
– 9.30am Mass  
*1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month*

"Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me."  
*Matthew 25:40*

### ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS: YOUTH CORNER

**STAY (St. Agatha's Youth),** invites all young people ages 12-30 to attend our sessions We cannot wait to get to know every young person in our parish! For any enquiries, please get in touch with the Parish Office!  
Follow us on Instagram!  
[@stagathasyouthcrnbourne](https://www.instagram.com/stagathasyouthcrnbourne)

### PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

**RCIA:** [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries Parish Office: 5996 1985

**RCIC:** For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism.  
Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:** Mon 6:30pm Parish Hall during school terms. Contact: Mary Krotwaar 0417 391 298

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

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.

**SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday 6.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Tuna Fuimaono 0499 333 996

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: 5996 1985

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email [voiceforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:voiceforlife@hotmail.com)

**SANTO NINO:** Mass last Friday of the Month: 7.00pm. Enq: Tulip Ramirez 0431 211 115

**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; Meeting 6.00pm

**CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND:** For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 1800 123 338 or 1800 522 076 for appointments.

**GODSTART:** Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact the Parish Office: 5996 1985

**LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

**HOLY SPIRIT HOUR:** Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz



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**PARISH APP:** The parish APP is available from: '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.

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES:** 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>

**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 55:1-3*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 8:35.37-39*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food'. Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves'. But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish'. 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour ... ..

