



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Plenary Council 2020
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT
Year C
10th March 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

Website: 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 ☎ 5996 1985

Parish Child Safety Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

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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: **8.00am- In the Parish Hall**

Wednesday: **8.00am- In the Parish Hall**

Thursday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Friday: **8.00am**

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 1st 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: 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 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, 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.

I encourage everyone to attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. We will begin with Rosary at 7.00pm and follow with Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

There will be works happening in the on Tuesday & Wednesday this week so Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall on both these days at 8.00am. God bless you all, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Jasmine Mazzitelli, child of Paul & Danielle, and Jack Laslo, child of Brendan & Sarah.

RCIA CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATE will take part in the Rite of Sending at the 9.00am Mass today. As they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale, please continue to keep Mitra Kiani, Scott McDonnell-Powell, Ramesh Punchihewa, Daniel Smith, Breannan Myers & Warren Zuidema in your prayers, together with the children journeying through the Junior RCIA.

RCIA PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer to pray for one of our RCIA Catechumens or Candidates.

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed this Monday for the Labour Day public holiday.

WEEKDAY MASS PLEASE NOTE: Due to works in the Church Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday only will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at 8.00am. Mass on Friday morning will also be celebrated at 8.00am but there will be **no Reconciliation or Adoration**. The Priests have a Plenary/Lenten Reflection Day in Warragul.

PALMS: Are you able to assist in supplying the parish with palms for Palm Sunday? Please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985 before the 31st March 2019.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm in the Church, Rosary will be prayed before Stations of the Cross beginning at 7.00pm. All Welcome!

PARISH RECONCILIATION for Easter will be celebrated on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm in the Church, please save the date in your diaries.

TENEBRAE will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. **Please note there will be no Reconciliation on this evening.** Tenebrae is a ceremony held during the three days preceding Easter with prayers, a sombre tone is sounded, with the gradual extinguishing of candles taking place in total darkness near the end of the service.

LENTEN PROGRAM: Lent is a time of retreat, reflection, and repentance, a time to clear away the distractions of the world and to focus on our relationship with God and how we are living our lives. Through the companionship of a Lenten group we can journey towards Easter together. If you have never experienced a small group why not 'come and see'. It is open to all people, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. There will be two groups meeting: Monday's 7.30pm – 9.00pm in Providence House (135 Sladen Street) or Thursdays 10.30am – 12 noon. Enquiries: Parish Office 5996 1985.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES: Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

ST AGATHA'S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019: If you are still in two minds to join us on this biblical journey to the Holy Land, not to worry, we still have **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**. Fr Joseph Abutu will be the Chaplain leading us on a 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29th April - 13th May 2019. This pilgrimage is organised by Magi pilgrimages that features Jordan, Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, River Jordan, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, and Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at \$5425 inclusive with flights, Accommodation in 4-star hotels, All 3 meals covered, Holy Mass celebrated daily. Renewal of wedding vows in Cana are a list of few inclusions as per itinerary. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve the last few spots please contact Rebecca Daly on [0421 521 550](tel:0421521550) or email rebeccadaly19mail.com

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 6th April to 13th April. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION: A reminder to all parents with children preparing for Reconciliation, that our Parent & Child workshop will be held this Wednesday 13th March at 5.00pm or 7.00pm. Children must attend this workshop with their parents to learn about Reconciliation together. Preference dates will be in the children's folders this weekend. **Please note:** No Follow-up Meeting. This list of children for this workshop will be sent to schools. Please bring your pencil case and a glue stick. Children, please collect your worksheet from foyer after Mass. If you have any queries please contact Sr Mary.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Voice for Life Group will be praying at the exclusion zone in East Melbourne. A peaceful prayer vigil, praying for an end to abortion. Please make an effort to join us to pray for the babies. Our group will leave straight after morning Mass each Tuesday beginning on the 12th March.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Is available in our parish at Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

PLENARY COUNCIL RESPONSES from around 400 participants at the 5 regional Listening and Dialogue sessions with the Bishop, held around the Diocese late last year, are now available on our website <http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/downloads/parishes/579-diocese-of-sale-raw-responses-from-regional-listening-dialogue-sessions-with-the-bishop.html> or go to <http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/25-bishop/348-towards-2020.html> page down to Listening and Dialogue Sessions and click on the link.

CAR RAFFLE: Please return the book to the Parish office with your payment or after Mass on the weekend. Drawn on 4th May 2019.

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL: The second stage of demolition at St Agatha's School will commence on 5th April till 18th April. For safety reasons the school driveway to Scott Street will be closed. During asbestos removal we are asked not to park in the parish office carpark or use the footpath. If you need to visit the parish office please park on the gravel carpark at the rear of Providence House.

ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS - LEARN HOW TO RUN ALPHA IN YOUR PARISH: Alpha is a tool used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world, to introduce participants to the basics of the Christian faith and to evangelise and deepen faith.

There will be Alpha Training offered for parishioners who would like to run the program or those interested in further information, at St. Michael's Parish Traralgon on the evenings of March 27th and 28th at 7.30pm. Wednesday March 27th is more introductory in nature, Thursday March 28th is at further depth. Alpha Teams would ideally complete both elements of Alpha Training. Information and Bookings Phone St Michael's Parish Office on 51742060 or email to sec@smpt.org.au by March 25th, RSVP essential

YOUTH CORNER: The Theme for this year 2019 is 'Faith Formation'. I encourage all parents to support their children to participate actively in the Youth Group. God bless you all Sr. Mary.

Our next Youth Mass will be on Sunday 17th March at 10.45am followed by a Youth leaders meeting after the Mass in Providence House.

Youth are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church. On Friday 22nd March we meet at 6.50pm to practice in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other's in the Parish please give me a call. Contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

Recently Deceased

Janet Silva
 Philomena Perera
 Jenny McClusky [N.Z.]

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries

Saturday 6.00pm—Janet Silva & Jenny McClusky [Rec Dec], Martha Piries[Anniv], Pradeep Liyanage [RIP]
 Sunday 7.30am-- For the People of the Parish
 “ 9.00am-- For guidance and Protection for Adrian
 “ 10.45am-- In thanksgiving & for the souls of John, Kathleen & Gerard Maher
 “ 6.00pm-- David Sutherland [RIP], Philomena Perera [Rec Dec], Rita Perera [Remb]

Feasts**Anniversaries:**

Eliana Radivo
 Roy O’Callaghan
 Martha Piries
 Mgr Dan McCartan

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.30am-- In thanksgiving; Daphne Joachim [B’d day Remb]
 Tuesday 8.00am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Wednesday 8.00am-- For the intentions of Daisy, Loui & Ryan
 Thursday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 “ 7.30pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Friday 8.00am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

Sick List: Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomagno, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Rosy Preca Pearl Roussiyann, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinvia, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia

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.

Rosters for Ministries**9-10 March 2019: Lectors:**

6.00pm: S Crinall A Hughes, C D’Lima, M Cincotta, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal, R Weinman
 7.30am: K Luxford D Krella, M Soni, L Jean Louis
 9.00am: E Mandizvidza H Speelmeyer, L Dunkley, T Marinelli, Fr Guimmarra, G Spierings, S Borsodi, P Joseph
 10.45am: C Besterwitch T Macharaga, K Johson, T de Pradines, T Nyerenyere, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise
 6.00pm: D Lutu V Prasetyo, E Abraham, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, C James
Church Cleaners for the week 11th to 16th March: L Nasalio, L Samuelu, J Morel, A Hughes
Counters: C James, P De Graaff, R D’Mello

Extraordinary Ministers:**Welcomers:**

A & A Quintal
 L Adikari
 Y Shedden
 T Weatherall, D Deri
 M Maroney

16-17 March 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: R Trevisan K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D’Lima, A Quintal
 7.30am: P Condina S Jean Louis, R Crozier, D Krella
 9.00am: P Joseph J Seeborun, S Joseph, L AhSio, L Lim, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho
 10.45am: Youth E Mandizvidza, C Besterwitch, R Weinman, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro, R D’Mello, P Schreurs
 6.00pm: V Prasetyo L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, L Tuffnell, A Antony, T Hummel, B Evans
Church Cleaners for the week 18th to 23rd March: A Antony, R Holdenbottle, T Daly, R Bernard
Counters: L Clark, T Raffa





Extraordinary Ministers:**Welcomers:**

C D’Lima, T Jolley
 Volunteer
 C Pocock
 G & L Clark
 M Maroney

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Gen 15:5-12; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

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 Mary 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP: Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.
AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters
THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES: 2nd 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 in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hr by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161
INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP: Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985
AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd 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
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Vinnies Shop- 218 High Street Cranbourne. Phone: 5996 3926, **Vinnies Help Line: 1300 305 330**
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: 1st & 3rd 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 5996 1985
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha’s Hall. Contact 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd 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 your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 10TH MARCH 2019

FIRST READING

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer; 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

