



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
9th February 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

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 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 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 & 12noon St Therese's School Mass

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Friday: 9.30am

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, I wish to thank you for your continued support of Fr Antony, our visiting priests and Fr Francis in my absence. Fr Stanly our new assistant priest will be beginning on the 25th February. We will be celebrating our parish feast day on Sunday 23rd February at the 10.45am Mass followed by lunch in the School Hall. I encourage all parishioners to attend this celebration if possible, where we will be farewelling Fr Antony. Please place your name on the clipboards in the foyer for preparation and catering purposes. On Saturday 22nd February CatholicCare will be conducting a training session for all parish volunteers at 10.00am in the Church. **It is compulsory to attend a training, if you have not previously attended.** Please register online or place your name on the clipboard. If you are unable to attend this session at St Agatha's please check the bulletin for training dates in nearby parishes. God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Charlie Elliott, child of Richard & Kelly, Malina Perera, child of Aruna & Madusha and Jacob Anthony, child of George & Julie.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020: Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 12th February at 7.00pm. **Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha's school Hall. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for Fr Antony's farewell gift.

FAREWELL CARD: Parishioners are invited to sign Fr Antony's card in the table on the foyer of the Church.

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH FEAST DAY: The Feast Day of our Patron, St Agatha will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd February during the 10.45am Mass, followed by a procession of the St Agatha' statue from the Church to the school hall. We will officially thank and farewell Fr Antony for his time at St Agatha's. A lunch will be held to celebrate the Cultural groups that make up our Parish Community. We encourage parishioners to bring a food from their country to share at the celebration. **Parishioners are invited to print a copy of your national flag on an A4 size page, with your name and country on the back and drop off at the parish office by 15th 16th Feb. If you have a national flag please bring it to the 10.45am Mass for the procession into the Church on the 23rd.** Please write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer. We invite children to come dressed in white or their First Communion outfits so that they can join in leading the procession to the Hall. **Plastic cups and plates may be single-use, but that does not mean it is easily disposable for our environment. This year we urge everyone to bring their own reusable cup and plate for the feast day luncheon.**

RE CLASSES: Classes resumed on Wednesday 5th February at 4.00pm. For enquires contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

NO GREATER LOVE You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You. We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins Sunday, 1st March 2020 at St Agatha's Parish Hall from 7.15pm. Cost \$55.00 including Workbook and Paperback book. Limited books have been ordered. For more information or to register, contact Parish Office on 03 5995 1985.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONVERSATION: Bishop Patrick invites Parishioners are invited to join in a Lenten Conversation at The Abbey, Raymond Island on Friday 21st February 2020 from 10.00am till 3.30pm. Cost \$20 per person for catering, to RSVP contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au See invitation letter on the notice board in the foyer.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A guest speaker has been invited to come and speak on the 4th April 2020 to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick.

SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.

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

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Parishioners can start returning their blessed palms/ greenery from last year's Palm Sunday, so they can be burnt and will be used for Ash Wednesday.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code. **2QKKNB** Every week, *Formed* highlight different content.

This week: *Forgiven, for parents preparing their child for first reconciliation* <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/for-parents-preparing-your-child-for-first-confession>

TRUSTING GROUP: The Trusting Group gathers fortnightly, beginning on 3rd February at 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in Providence House. All Welcome!

CAR RAFFLE: 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6th June 2020.

SVDP is seeking a Secretary for its Conference. The person would need to be proficient in use of Microsoft Office, be able to take minutes and do some correspondence. Orientation would be provided. If you can help us please phone Mary on 5996 1758.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Sunday 1st March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. 1.30 pm Bishop Pat warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct) 3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral. 4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION! As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 1st March 2018. 1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal. 3.00 -4.00 pm Rite of Election. To register your interest and receive the music pack, please contact Sophy Morley on pastoral@sale.catholic.org.au as soon as possible or phone the diocesan staff on 5622 6687

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: Our Parish volunteer list will be audited. Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged CatholicCare to conduct training sessions. A training session for St Agatha's parish will be conducted on **Saturday 22nd February 2020 at 10.00am in the Church.** 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. **No need to attend this meeting if you have attended previously. For more training dates:** OLHC Narre Warren Thursday 12th March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14th March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21st March 10am-12.30pm.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director? Spiritual direction takes place individually at Providence House. Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

2020 STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS CONFERENCE: Saturday 15th February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre) A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. You are invited to this free event. For more information flyers are available in the church foyer or visit www.strengthinweakness.com.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March at St John's Anglican Church Cranbourne. Zimbabwe theme, if you would like to join the planning committee please contact Diane on 0409 435 769.

YOUTH CORNER: Our first youth meeting for the year will be held on Sunday 16th Feb after 10.45am Mass an afternoon of fun, games, food & activities. If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. All Welcome! The first L.A.M.P youth event for this year will be held at OLHC Parish, Narre Warren on Saturday 22nd Feb from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdteWigSfdFIFjwBr56SgP9Qk-tK8MwUgHHLnohsjuoKx-kDw/viewform>



The Recently Deceased: Anthony Cleary, Rachel Oommen, Fr Errol D'Lima,

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Christie Mack, Merlyn & Cyril Nathan, Angela & Vincenzo Barca, Brendan Brown, Anthony & Maria Bastian, Mary Jose, Rudy Phillips, Fr David Quinn.

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle

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 - 6th Sunday Yr A: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

8 / 9 Feb Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	A Heldt	A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, R Weinman, L Lim, T de Pradines	B Harris
7.30am	A Quintal	A Quintal, P Martin, D Krella	R Macapagal
9.00am	P Spierings	L Ah Sio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, M & A Dam, T Marinelli	J & H Speelmeyer
10.45am	P Schreurs	P Schreurs, L & G Clark, R Holsinger, L & C Tyminski, L Fosio, M Gambin	R Afaese
6.00pm	A Ah Sui	E Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, J Connell, C James, L Booth	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		S & A Lucas	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J McLean	
CHURCH CLEANERS	10-15 Feb	T & R Abraham & Family	
15/16 Feb Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	M Garcia	K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter	M Van Gunster
7.30am	P Martin	M Soni, L Adikari, A Quintal	A & A Quintal
9.00am	G Nelson	R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer, A Malia Ulu, D Barker, F Giummarra, G Spierings	J Balmer
10.45am	Youth Members	T Macharaga, K Johnson, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, T Nyerenyere, R D'Mello, A Antony, R Beloso	M Iverach
6.00pm	T Hummel	R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Sr Victoria, F Dickie	
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Besterwitch, R or K Weinman, T Saldanha	
CHURCH CLEANERS	17-22 Feb	Sale & Leotina Ah Sio, K Auvale, A & P Williams	

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: 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 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 3rd 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 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 Sr Victoria 5996 1985

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

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd 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.



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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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 2: 1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

Reflection

Why we have saints

The Church canonises saints, not because they were perfect people but because they displayed specific virtues which the Church needs modelled so as to live its mission more fully.

The saints are our big brothers and sisters in faith. We believe they are alive in Christ and continue to inspire, challenge and urge us on in faith. They draw us to the promise of eternal life. They raise our sights and give us hope. Everything is possible to God! The saints remind us of this and stop us settling for religious mediocrity.

Give some thought to the special saints God has placed in your life. The patron saint of our parish is one of them.

If we at St Agatha's Parish pray for Agatha's courage and single-minded commitment to Christ, we will indeed be an awesome community of faith.



Welcome to St Agatha's Parish! 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 forms are located on the Welcome stand or go to our website to register at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>