



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
7th February 2021

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: Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 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 Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs 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

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 & 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

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 Saturday: 8.00am - 9.00am followed by

Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

Adoration Chapel: 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

Healing Mass Suspended

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.00pm followed by a spiritual

teaching and Adoration till 10.00pm

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 First Sunday of the Month

3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Due to the COVID restrictions, for everyone's safety only four classes will resume this term. Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will resume class on Wednesday 24th February from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Church and Parish Hall. Parents are to ensure that their children are duly registered before the commencement of the classes, as unregistered children will not be allowed to attend the classes.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 are to be dropped off and picked up from the church while grade 6 are to be dropped off and picked off from the parish hall.

Seven additional Catechists are needed to help, with RE Classes in term two. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Faustina. May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Sadie Micelotta, child of Jon & Samantha, Marley Jacotine, child of Mark & Justine, Amara Caringal, child of Gaylord & Michelle, Sabella Borthwick, child of Shawn & Samantha, Valentina Raffa, child of Vince & Rebecca.

WEDDINGS BELLS: Congratulations to Alannah Melville & Michael Balog on their marriage this weekend.

BAPTISMS: Parents are reminded that we require a list of all your guests attending the Baptism Ceremony in the Church for COVID contact tracing. Please email at list of names and contact numbers to the parish office before the ceremony.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: For children who prepared in 2020 and have not received their First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 20th February after 9.30am Mass. Please contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Information Session and Parent Workshop: Wednesday 10th February at 7.00pm or **Thursday 18th February at 7.00pm** at St Agatha's School Hall. Parents need to attend only one session (no need to bring your child). Enquiries: Sr Mary.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for this Sacrament in 2020 begin from the 13th & 14th February until August 2021. 5 Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm. Families are required to make two separate bookings. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985.

For families wishing to attend the ceremony are required to book attendance online via our parish website. Mass attendance bookings available on website usually 1 week in advance. **Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.**

JUNIOR RCIA: Mass will be celebrated at St Agatha's parish for Junior RCIA Candidates and their sponsors on Sunday 21st February at 2.00pm, they will be making their First Communion & Confirmation for those who should have been welcomed into the Church at our Easter Vigil. For Reconciliation for these children will be celebrated on Saturday 20th February after 9.30am Mass.

JUNIOR RCIA 2021: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Registrations now open. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

ST AGATHA'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Meet on Monday's at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Jacinta on 0426 973 026.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Spend "One hour with Jesus" (8am-9am) here in the church, Tuesday to Saturday every week. The adoration will conclude with morning prayer from the divine office.

CHURCH CLEANING: New rosters will be emailed next week. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Parish Office.

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Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: Sign up for Lenten Reflections at
<https://watch.formed.org/browse>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Registration from this Wednesday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Parish Hall for children attending Government School Grades 3 to Grade 6 no need to bring your child to registration this week. Registration fee \$25 Classes begin on 24th February at 4.00pm, **Grade 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the Parish Hall. Grade 3, 4 & 5 will be dropped off and picked up from the Church.** Any child not registered will not be allowed to stay for classes. For more information, please contact Sr. Faustina.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: For safety reasons, Children's Liturgy has been suspended until further notice.

PLAY GROUP: For safety reasons, Play Group has been suspended until further notice.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you.

Relationship with God, indeed with anyone, deepens only when we can be 'real' and honest before God. In spiritual direction, the director (sometimes called the companion) will often encourage the other to come to God just as they are. Someone said 'pray as you are' – the kind of person you are, the mood you're in, with whatever's on your mind and in your heart – bring it all to God. Even the embarrassing bits and the feelings you don't like to admit. Relationships thrive on reality and openness. God loves real people. I've heard people say 'but why do I need to tell God what I'm thinking and feeling? – God knows, surely.' And, of course, it's true that God knows, but we need to do it for our own sake, not God's. In any relationship that we're serious about, we choose to put aside time to be together, to share experiences, to listen, to ask, to laugh and to cry, to say thankyou? I think we need to — to be true to ourselves. Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of **three** attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

MASS ATTENDANCE is still strictly by booking online through the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Please arrive early to Mass as the Church will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

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 Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**



The Recently Deceased: Alan Rowlinson, Eric Lindsay, Severina Macawile

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Deceased members of the Borg & Sammut family, Kathleen Townley 1st, Lourdes, Juanita & Petra Zarate, Carmelo Sottile, Mary France, Fr Dominic Alves, Paul D'Mello, Kathleen Townley 1st, V K Joseph, Vaughan Boucher, Dragica Agatic, Ken Rowlinson, Fr David Quinn

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Brian Venville

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 - 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B				
	Lev 13:1-2,44-46	1 Cor 10:31- 11:1	Mk 1:40-45	
6-7 February 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	A Simmons	C Joseph, R Trevisan, D Krella		
7.30am	J Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	S Borsodi	E Abraham, D Barker, L Lim		
10.45am	S Laufou	Richard D'Mello, T Nyerenyere, R D'Mello		
6.00pm	M Garcia	J Connell, T Hummel, Y Prasetyo		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY				
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J & M Laufou		
CHURCH CLEANERS		L Nasalio		
13-14 February 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	R Gimeno	M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima		
7.30am	D Abraham	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	G Nelson	J Raudino, M Dam, A Ulu		
10.45am	L Caballero	A Ortencio, S Lucas, N Atulia		
6.00pm	J MacDonald	A Quintal, T Treacy, C Joseph		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY				
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, A & R Estrada		
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:** 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 0426 973 026
- 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 [Age 12-14]** Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am & **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:** For safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
- FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. 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>

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?" Risen I think, "How slowly evening comes!" Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straight away. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, "Everybody is looking for you." He answered, "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came." And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..

PRAYER TO ST. AGATHA

Oh St. Agatha, who withstood the unwelcome advances from unwanted suitors, and suffered pain and torture for her devotion to our Lord, we celebrate your faith, dignity and martyrdom.

Protect us against rape and other violations, guard us against breast cancer and other afflictions of women, and inspire us to overcome adversity.

Oh, St. Agatha, virgin and martyr, mercifully grant that we who venerate your sacrifice, may receive your intercession.

Amen.