



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV23

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C
17th February 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

West Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West

East 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

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, Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on 13-14 September at Marist-Sion College Warragul. During the Plenary Council 2020 *Listening and Dialogue* process, several common topics have emerged. It has become evident that many of the suggestions which have been made can be initiated and implemented at a local Diocesan level. The Diocesan Assembly, while part of the overall Plenary journey, is of vital importance as it will provide us with the opportunity to together discern and discuss what it is that we can do here and now for our local Church in the Diocese of Sale.

In the months leading up to the Assembly, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week. God bless you all, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Nethum Perera, child of Jude & Nirmalie, Raphael Tranquille, child of Miguel & Marie-Eve, Nathanael Leyson, child of Nel & Eugene, Evan Perera, child of Nalaka & Marie, Molina McCathy, child of Ezera & Mavelynn and Amelia Mangalanathan, child of Rajeev & Gernetha.

FUNERAL MASS for Patricia O'Donovan will be celebrated this Tuesday at 1.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Parents please ensure you have handed in your child's commitment/enrolment form and collect their worksheet. Contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 if you have any questions.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING BEHIND THE PARTS OF THE MASS? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at **St Agatha's Parish Hall** beginning **24th February 2019** from **7.15pm** and continuing every Sunday for **5 weeks**. \$15. For more information or to register for the study, please contact the Parish office on 59961985.

LENTEN PROGRAM BEGINS 4TH MARCH: 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, beginning 4th March and Thursdays 10.30am - 12 noon, beginning 7th March in a private home. Enquiries: Parish Office 5996 1985.

TRUSTING GROUP: If you feel drawn to get closer to Jesus, please "come and see". For more information please contact Ruth Spierings on 0477 800 161.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: With the Listening and Dialogue session coming to an end on the 6th of March, our Parish is going to be focus on sharing our thoughts and inputs towards the Plenary Council. **Listening & Dialogue sessions** in the Parish Hall: This week Friday **22nd February @ 7:30pm & Saturday 23rd February @ 11:00pm**. You are requested to come and attend at least 1 of these sessions. It usually takes about 1.2 hrs for these sessions and we will discuss what each person thinks "What do you think God is asking for the Church in Australia?". This is a listening session - not a debate or education session - so EVERYONE's input is wanted and needed! there are no wrong answers. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=453345&> for online registrations or you can contact the parish office or speak to the Plenary Animators if you have questions.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN HOLY MASS: This weekend question sheets will be passed around after the homily.

- You will be given time to reflect and answer upon the question(s) provided.
- They will be collected, collated and submitted after that
- A box is kept in the foyer if you wish for more time to Pray/Think about your answer

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: For those who wish to make online submissions, there is a step by step on how to submit online as well as flyers with information or visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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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**
FOR THE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION:
Brother Francis, Forgiveness
<https://formed.org/watch/5baa7bf247429f1200983857>

RE CLASSES: Do you have children who attend Government Schools Grades **Prep - 6?** If so you may wish to enrol them for the Catechetical Program which are held on Wednesday's during school terms, 4pm to 5pm in the hall. Please note new enrolments for 2019 will make their sacraments in 2020. Enquiries please contact the parish office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meeting Tuesday 19th Feb at 7.30pm.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: Meeting Thursday 21st Feb at 7.30pm.

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

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: The parish has new stoles for the Lector & Extraordinary ministers to wear when they are helping at Mass, please collect it to wear from the Altar Servers sacristy before Mass. New rosters have been emailed out last week, printed copies are available from the table in the foyer.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: What is child abuse? Child abuse includes the following: *Sexual offences, *Sexual misconduct, *Physical violence, *Psychological or emotional harm, *Neglect that is committed by an adult against, with or in the presence of a person under the age of 18 years.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: For Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates 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 10th March at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. At 2.00pm 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. 4.00pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

RITE OF ELECTION: Parish Singers and Musicians Wanted! at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 10th March. 1.30-2.30pm Choir rehearsal 3.00 -4.00 pm Rite of Election. To register your interest and receive the music pack, please contact Sophy Morley ASAP on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or phone 5622 6677.

YEAR 7 2020 APPLICATIONS FOR ST. PETER'S COLLEGE: A reminder to families that 2020 applications are due in at the College by Monday 4th March. Information packs are available from the College Offices or you can download an application form from the College website. First round offers will be sent out at the end of March. For enquiries phone the College Registrar, Wendy Height on 5990 7777.

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.

IRISH SINGER DAVID PARKES: Come and listen to renowned international singer David Parkes witness through his singing ministry at St. Agatha's Parish, Friday 8th March at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. For more information see flyer on the notice board in the Church foyer. Enq: Divine Mercy Publications 9830 4386.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. **February: 21st Employment or Job opportunities & 28th** For those who celebrated their birthday in February.

KARDIA FORMATION offers is offering a reflection day for teachers a day Thursday, 28th March 2019. 10.00am to 3.30pm. Silent Directed Retreat 14-21 Nov, Spiritual Direction and Supervision to Spiritual Directors. For more information see notice board in the foyer or go to www.kardia.com.au, email: enquiries@kardia.com.au ph.03 9818 4836.

YOUTH CORNER: Parish Youth activities start this weekend. 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. The next Youth meeting will be held on **Friday 22nd February at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be participating at the Plenary Council meeting. Enq: Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

Recently Deceased

Patricia O'Donovan
Hector Mosquera
Gaby Michael, Hector Mosquera
Avelina Macapugay [In US]

Anniversaries:

Brendan Brown
Bishop Arthur Fox
Fr Manny Spiteri
Fr Les Lisik CSsR

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries

Saturday 6.00pm-- David Sutherland [Remb] & In thanksgiving [Joan]
Sunday 7.30am-- Brendan Brown [Anniv], Abraham Kurian [Remb]
" 9.00am-- Lina Gregoria Procida [B'day Remb] & Avelina Macapugay [Rec Dec]
" 10.45am-- Maxey D'Souza [Remb], Thanksgiving [Christopher Family]
" 6.00pm-- For the People of the Parish

Feasts**Weekday Masses**

Monday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 9.30am-- Trish O'Donovan [Rec Dec] & her family; For the Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 9.30am-- Catherine Williams [90th B'day today]
& Thanksgiving for Winston Family St. Peter Damian
" 7.30pm-- In Thanksgiving [Shyam Family]
Friday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life St. Polycarp

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

Sick List: Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Pearl Roussiyan, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs
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**16-17 February 2019: Lectors:**

6.00pm: A Quintal M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal
7.30am: D Abraham L & S Jean Louis, M Soni

9.00am: P Spierings H Speelmeyer, L Dunkley, D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, S Borsodi, P Joseph
10.45am: Youth Members C Besterwitch, T Macharaga, K Johnson, R D'Mello, T de Pradines, R D'Mello, A Antony, R Beloso
6.00pm: T Hummel E Abraham, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, V Prasetyo, L Tuffnell, J Seeborun

Church Cleaners for the week 18th Feb to 23rd Feb: Afaese Family

Counters: M D'Lima & M Rodrigues, R Holsinger

Extraordinary Ministers:

Children's Liturgy: Tania & Priya

Welcomers:

T Jolley, R Estrada
L Adikari
D Bobetic
P & O Schreurs
G Taylor

23-24 February 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: Children's Choir R Weinman, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter
7.30am: D Lutu R Crozier, D Krella, M Soni

9.00am: Sr Faustina J Seeborun, S Joseph, L Ahsio, L Lim, G Raudino, M & A Dam

10.45am: E Mandizvidza T Nyerenyere, M Robinson, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvala, R Alejandro, P Schreurs, L Clark D Deri, R Afaese
6.00pm: C James A Antony, T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, L Booth

Church Cleaners for the week 25th Feb to 2nd March: S Jean Louis, D Krella, M Magkase

Counters: K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello

Extraordinary Ministers:

Children's Liturgy: Anna & Fiona

Welcomers:

B Harris
J Khan
P & T Dam
L Booth

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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 [Age 12-17] 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 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.

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 READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

SECOND READING

Cor 15:12-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ as been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17.20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death... ..



"Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.