



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
23rd August 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to visitors and staff are working remotely from home:

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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

Live Streamed

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

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Reconciliation/Confession

Suspended until further notice

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

Adoration Chapel: Closed until further notice.

Healing Mass Suspended

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass

Mass for the Unborn: 1st Friday of the Month

9.30am - Live Streamed

Holy Hour for the Unborn

Baptisms (Suspended)

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is about to begin. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be done remotely online.

We are calling on the parents of the children who made their first reconciliation last year to register their children now.

School parents will be provided a link from the school but parents of children in non-Catholic schools can register through the parish website. Those in grade five who haven't received this sacrament can join in as well. Registration closes on Friday 4th September.

The ceremony will not be occurring all at the same time. Ceremonies may possibly run over 12 months depending on the readiness of the candidate.

Families are encouraged to direct questions to the Parish Office either by email or phone.

In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on August 30, the Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, which focuses on mental health.

The statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, encourages faith communities, governments and individuals to make mental health a priority.

Bishop Terry Brady, Bishop Delegate for Social Justice on the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has called on all Catholics to take up the message and challenges of the statement. "This is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities. The personal feelings of anxiety and despair we all share at this time provide an opportunity to become more aware and active in fostering the mental health of all. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who most need our support."

The statement encourages parishes and local communities to be places of welcome and inclusion, overcoming the barriers and stigma often faced by people experiencing mental ill-health. It demands the commitment of governments and policy-makers to prevent so many people falling through the cracks of the mental health system. It also calls for the nation's commitment to address those policies that exacerbate the already precarious circumstances of First Australians and refugees and asylum-seekers.

If you would like to read the Social Justice Statement 2020 please go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>
May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

RESOURCES FOR MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY CHALLENGING TIMES: Go to our website or follow this link <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events/570-resources-for-mental-health/file.html>

- PRAYING AT HOME WITH THE GOSPEL:** Helpful steps
1. Read the Gospel slowly and as many times as you need.
 2. Note key phrases or words and reflect on it for a while.
What does God want to tell us?
 3. Spend some time in quiet conversation with God and let our hearts speak to him.
 4. Allow God to speak to you in the silence and rest with God.

Taken from Torquay-Anglesea-Grovedale parish bulletin

PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT BENNET: Please continue to pray for Bishop-elect Bennet as he makes preparations for his episcopal ordination on 20th October. Diocesan prayer is available on our website <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

RCIA: We continue to pray for our RCIA Elect and Candidates who await the Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers.



ST AGATHA'S PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE PROGRAM, 2020:

First Holy Communion online program expression of interest/enrolment form is available via link in our bulletin below or through our website.

This online Program will commence in Term 4 Week 1 through videos.

RSVP expression/enrolment form due by 1st September. Prayer Booklet and Video Lesson links will be sent to families after enrolment.

- This program is available to Candidates in Grade 4, 5 and 6 who have not received First Holy Communion.

Please Note: Children who have already been prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year awaiting ceremony will be permitted to complete two Sacraments this year.

- Ceremony dates for First Holy Communion is subject to Covid-19 restrictions and will not occur all at the same time. Hence, we may possibly run over 12 months to accommodate few numbers in the church at a time.

All Year 3, 2020 Reconciliation candidates will need to wait until 2021 to participate in the preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Families are encouraged to direct questions to Parish Office either by email or phone. Sr. Mary, Sacramental Coordinator will correspond with you.

If you wish to register your child please follow the link: <https://forms.gle/a8sQKezXaUx1vmQHA>

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Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Go to our parish website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html> on how to join and logon with the parish code. 2QKKNB Every week, Formed highlight different content.

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R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT: An inquiry night will be held online for those who may be considering becoming Catholic or for Adult Baptised Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation more details next week. For more info please contact Tina at Parish Office on 5996 1985.

GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION SPECIAL COLLECTION: This year, due to the closure of churches during Holy Week and the cancellation of the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, Pope Francis has rescheduled this collection to the **weekend of Sunday September 13th 2020.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon. In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut, *Aid to the Church in Need Australia* is running a national emergency appeal to support the people of Lebanon. To help the appeal visit <https://aidtochurch.org/lebanon> or call Mon-Fri 8am-5pm AEST.1800 101 201

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Is available in the parish, please contact Ruth on 0477 800 161 for more information.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin via the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985, **Diocesan Professional Standards Officer:** 03 5614 5140. If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**