



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C
18th May 2025**

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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Website: www.stagathas.org.au

For Parish News & Events:

<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Prabhu Antony

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Faustina Ede &
Sr. Victoria Orinya

Parish Safeguarding Officer: John Kelly

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Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

Principal: Mrs Felicity Broughton

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

Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please search YouTube: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne

Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 9.30am & 11.30am Funeral

Thursday: 9.30am & 12noon St Peter's Marian House in Church

Friday: 9.30am & 11.00am Mercy Place, 12.15pm St Therese's
School, 12.30pm St Agatha's School in Church & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

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 Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by

Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

Adoration Chapel: Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: Closed, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

Healing Mass First Thursday of the Month 7.15pm begins with
Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

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 after 9.30am
Mass

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session
held on 1st Sunday of every month, starting at 3.00pm
in the Church. [Information Session Bookings may be made through
the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

Marriages

6 months' notice requested.

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, this weekend, 3rd Sunday 18th of May, we celebrate for elderly, widows, widowers and single parents, and a special morning tea will be organised by the Jubilee Committee to mark the occasion.

On behalf of our parish community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the groups who came together to organise and distribute the beautiful gifts for Mother's Day. Your thoughtful gesture brought smiles, joy, and a deep sense of appreciation to all the mothers in our parish.

Dear Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, Congratulations on your commissioning! There is no service in the Church without sacrifice. May you always remember that this is not just a duty, but a privilege—a calling given by God to serve His people. May you be filled with His grace, strengthened in your commitment, and blessed in your journey of faith.

Conclusion of May Devotion to Our Blessed Mother just as we did last year, we will conclude our May devotion with the Rosary and a candlelight procession with the statue of Our Lady, beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by the Holy Mass. Let us come together in love and devotion, offering our prayers through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Your presence will make this celebration even more meaningful. All are welcome. Please join us!

Jubilee of Families: - You are warmly invited to join us for the Jubilee celebration of Families on Saturday, 31st May, beginning with Holy Mass at 11:00 AM. This joyful celebration will continue with a day filled with fun, fellowship, food, and cultural festivities. We are delighted to share that parishes from all over the diocese have been invited to join us for this special occasion. As we prepare for our Parish Feast Day, I invite leaders of different nationalities in our parish to help organise a multicultural open-air food festival. Let us showcase the rich diversity of our community by sharing traditional dishes from our home countries. Please write your name, nationality, and the food you will be bringing for this event. Our parish youth will also be organising a variety of entertainment programs for different age groups, ensuring a joyful experience for everyone. Let us celebrate in faith, joy, and unity, giving thanks to God for the blessing of our families.

Have you seen the Family Tree in the church foyer, this is being organised by the youth as part of the Jubilee Year of Families celebration. Parishioners are invited to hang their family names on the tree. Special prayers will be offered for these families throughout this Jubilee Year.

Parish Renewal Program Launch: - We are happy to announce the launch of our Parish Renewal Program, beginning this weekend. This initiative is an invitation to grow together in faith, fellowship, and mission as a parish community. Brochures with details of the program will be distributed at all Masses. We encourage every parishioner to take one home and be a part of this journey of renewal. Let us walk together as pilgrims of HOPE!

Fr. Prabhu and I would like to thank you for your prayers and support during our annual retreat. We were blessed to have Fr. Justin Driscoll, from the Diocese of Ballarat as our preacher, who led us in reflecting on the theme 'Spirituality for Synodality'. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to serve you with renewed spirit and commitment.

For our First Communion candidates, this weekend we will be speaking about the topic "We Gather".

May God Bless you all. Fr. Antony

WE WELCOME AS A CHILDREN OF GOD: Charlotte Mackay Child of Andrew & Rachel, Luciana Manuel Child of Santiago & Camille, Katelyn Osboldstone Child of Mark & Catherine, Dakota Savage Child of Mace & Jane

FUNERAL: Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st May for Lomaga Alefosio Pa'u at 11.30am.

THANK YOU: We would like to express our deepest thanks to everyone who has reached out with prayers, condolences and comforting words during this difficult time. The passing of Bill has been an immense loss for our family. Yet, the outpouring of love and support from extended family, friends, Bishop Greg, the clergy of the diocese, and our parish community has brought us great solace and strength. Your kindness has been a beacon of light in our sorrow, and we are truly grateful for every gesture of compassion. May you be abundantly blessed for the comfort you have shown us. With deepest appreciation, Elizabeth Kleynjans, Tina, Mary, Fr Jeff and family.

JUNIOR RCIA: Volunteers are needed to help teach junior RCIA classes on Saturday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 7th June 2025 until Easter 2026. Meet at 4.00pm in the Providence House. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

RCIA INQUIRY NIGHT 2025: St. Agatha's Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic. Or are you a baptized Catholic Adult, but have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation? Come and See! Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend for Trinity families foundation. Trinity Families Appeal – 2025 Jubilee Year

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion boxes can be returned on Good Friday. \$2 or more are tax deductible

LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM: This weekend is the LAUNCH of our Parish Renewal Program, and we would love you to be involved! The Program is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our role in parish life, and to 'review and renew' our commitment to each other and the mission of our parish. The Program will feature at Mass, and you can also follow through regular updates via our parish website, the school newsletters, email, and SMS. This weekend parishioners will share their love of parish at each Mass and copies of the special Program brochure will be distributed on arrival. The parish is being assisted with the Program by Stephen Littleton from Parish First.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

Q: Why is celebrating our faith as a parish community important to you?

"Celebrating as a faith community enables me to become one in heart and mind with others at Mass. We listen to the words of Scripture, celebrate Eucharist, and together renewed and revitalised, go out to live and share our faith."

"Showing my children how to follow Jesus is important to me – how to come together at Mass as part of our faith community on a regular basis."



POPE FRANCIS SAYS

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" - Evangelii Gaudium 11

DIVINE KIDS BIBLE STUDIES CLASSES will resume on Sunday 25th May at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: New envelopes are available for collection from the foyer from 18th May till the 29th June when new envelopes will be issued.

DIGITAL KEY: If you have a FOB for the Adoration Chapel, due to a technical update you will be required to come to the office for an update. Otherwise, your FOB may be disabled. We thank you for your understanding. The Parish Hall and Adoration Chapel locks have been changed. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. For those who have access keys to the parish hall please contact the parish office to arrange for a replacement FOB please return the key to be replaced. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

ALTAR SERVERS: Fr Prabhu will be visiting families of the Altar servers for the Jubilee Year. He will make contact to arrange a suitable time.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: JUNE cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be hosted by the Jubilee Committee.

SAFEGUARDING: All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy. Please check the current status of your WWVC, if your card has expired you cannot participate in any voluntary capacity. Until your card has been renewed. If you require any clarification, please contact John Kelly on 5996 1985. The parish secretaries are more than happy to assist you to renew your card or help you access the online training at the parish office.



The Recently Deceased: Lomaga Alefosio Pa'u, Joseph Pincre, Rosemary O'Brien, Giuseppe Martino, Paula Correia

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Albert & Richard MacFarlane, Lily Pushpam Emmanuel, Mourina Reid, Linus Johnson, Otelia & Herbert Concessco, Edward & Shirley Moore, Hazel Carol, Huan Andres, Cynthia Leonard, Juanito Domantay, Jane Noronha, Fr Robert Mead, Fr Martin Roche

Those who are sick: Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Margaret Beadle, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona & Hazlett Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs, Veronica Iudice, Isa'ako Elise, Maureen Fitzgerald, Ainsley Clarke, Mary Joan Williams, Carol Adikari, Gerrian Hillary Williams, Aiden Niggly, Denzil Moreira, Maria Nathan, Auxillia Johnson, Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kim Suarez, Edsel Spink, Mario Ragoobur

*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.
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 – Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rev 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29

17 th & 18 th May 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	R Sutherland	R Trevisan, M Parrocho, M Cincotta
7.30am	P Joseph	H De Costa, R Beloso
9.00am	H Guerra	E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, M Gambin, T Lupeamanu, A Hughes
6.00pm	R Gimeno	J MacDonald, C Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
1st Friday of the Month



"Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me."
Matthew 25:40

24 th & 25 th May 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	R Sutherland, R Clarke, K Parrocho
7.30am	T Heldt	R Beloso, P Joseph
9.00am	R Gimeno	C Gostimir, R Papiernik, K Auvale
10.45am	P Schreurs	R Samson, L Cotacte, M Sombilion, J Raudino
6.00pm	R Howell	J Connell, E Clinch
CHURCH COUNTERS		J Pasala, B Joseph, R D'Mello

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS

Upcoming Dates:

Youth Choir - Sunday, 18th of May 10:45 Mass
Invigorate Youth (12+) - Sunday, 18th of May 12pm
Movie Night - Friday, 23rd of May, 7pm
Invictus Youth (18+) - Sunday, 1st June 12 pm
Mass and Adoration - Friday, 13th June 7-9pm
STAY is now on Instagram!
@stagathasyouthcranbourne

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 Victoria 5996 1985

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN: Mon 7:30pm Parish Hall Contact: Mary Krotwaar 0417 391 298

CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Anetelea Fosio 0403 429 509

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498

YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17] Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 1st Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: 5996 1985

VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com

SANTO NINO: Mass last Friday of the Month: 7.00pm. Enq: Tulip Ramirez 0431 211 115

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 the Parish Office: 5996 1985

LEGION OF MARY: Enquiries: Pracena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: 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>



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PARISH APP: The parish APP is available from

'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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 18TH MAY 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth

had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! **I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.** Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread.....