



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Second Sunday of Lent  
Year A  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://www.stagathas.org.au)

**For Parish News & Events:**

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

**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 Safeguarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**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 & Live Streamed

**Monday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Wednesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Saturday:** 9:30am - In the Church & 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** 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

7.30pm-8.30pm

### Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Parishioners are invited to the Stations of the Cross on Friday in Lent at 7.00pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Parish St Agatha's 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, several Priests will be available. St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00pm. 23<sup>rd</sup> March OLHC, Narre Warren. St Patrick's Pakenham, 7.00pm. St Michael's Berwick, 7.00pm.

Hours of Grace (HOG) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the Paschal season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities. These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace. It is a personal invitation to all who love him through this Heavenly Sacrament. This year, we will be having HOG at St Agatha's from 10.00am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March until 11.00am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings. A roster is available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

We require more volunteer collectors at the Sunday 6.00pm Mass, if you are able to assist please see me after Mass or contact the Parish Office. **May God bless you, Fr Joseph.**

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Jaxon Joseph Child of Jobi & Lincy, Zhavia Saavedra Child of Melbourne & Elviera.

**WEDDING BELLS:** We Congratulate Villar Angelito & Leangsim Chea on their Marriage on the weekend.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** from 11:00am – 12:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 due to meeting.

**PRAYER CARDS** please take a prayer card and pray for children preparing for their First Reconciliation. Also RCIA children and Adults preparing to receive their Sacraments at Easter. Prayer cards are available in the Church foyer.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Church. Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE:** As a gift to Pope Francis, we could offer our prayers for his ministry by praying the Hail Mary and lighting the virtual candle through the online prayer initiative launched by the digital synod. They will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' representing the Hail Marys that were prayed for him. Here is the link to offer your prayers.  
<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY:** "Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish? We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!"

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP** will be praying in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. This is part of the worldwide forty days prayer vigil during Lent. Praying to end abortion. Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February to the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and current WWCC.

**WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER:** If you would like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

**ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN** 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am. 12:15pm & 5:30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> March 9:15am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9:15am & 12:15pm. Enrolments close 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please contact Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour. For more information please contact St Agatha's Primary School or visit [www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au)

**ST AGATHA'S PRAYER GROUP:** Monday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus? Come journey with us this Lent. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. Contact Jacinta on 0426973026.

**Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!**

Go to our parish website at

<https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html>

**FORMED**

on how to join and logon with the parish code: **20KKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: **God's Love Poured Out**

<https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka/season:1/videos/god-s-love-poured-out>

**ST THERESE'S COMMUNITY HUB - TERM 1** Tuesday Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years from 9:15am-10:45am Starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. You may attend any or all of the programs.

**DISCOVER WHAT ST PETER'S COLLEGE HAVE TO OFFER** Join us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

**FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Joseph Abutu will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy land from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This pilgrimage organised by Magi Pilgrimages will feature Jordan, the Dead Sea, Petra, Mt Nebo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Mt Tabor, Jericho, and Jerusalem. This Pilgrimage costs inclusive flights, accommodation in 4-star hotels, and meals. Mass will be celebrated daily at various holy sites. More than 85% of the intended Pilgrims have made their deposits. However, if you wish to join the group, please make your reservation by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

**LOST IN CHURCH: Anti-Cancer** Sunglasses after 6.00pm Mass last Saturday, please contact the parish office if you found them.

**DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST** invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend: Date – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Venue – Teacher's Centre, Sion House, Warragul, from 9am to 3pm. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to Barbara Durand at [bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au) or 56226678.

**LENTE JOURNEY 2023 VIA ZOOM:** You are invited to gather & engage with others focusing on prayer, discussion and fellowship via Zoom. Over the next six weeks, we will journey, reflecting on the Scriptures we will hear from the Sunday Gospels. They call us to consider our baptismal call and our response to that call as we head towards the great feast of Easter. We will be using a Lenten Companion called Spirit and Truth, The Power of Christ Revealed, issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. If you can partake in only some of the sessions, your attendance is always welcome. For further details or enquiries, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale on 5152 2942. When: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Time: 8 pm – 9 pm To receive a link: email Michelle at [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)

**PALMS AUSTRALIA MISSION:** Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire about potential assignments. 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**ARE YOU MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL?** Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church. The contribution for each Mass can be paid directly from your estate (avoids costs being met by beneficiaries). This would be a real comfort knowing that Masses are being said regularly (say monthly) at the Catholic church of your choosing and all paid for from your estate. Remember to have a chat with your lawyer and he/she should be able to include this in the document when you are making or reviewing your Will.

**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](mailto:Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au) If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:** 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732; SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188; ORANGE DOOR: 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham