

**Roster for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion**

Contact: Sr Victoria Orinya
Phone: 5996 1985

Voice for Life Group

Contact: Maria Nieuwesteeg
Phone: 0409 563 864

Godstart (Post Baptism) Program

Godstart is a post-Baptism program designed to help parents and family members develop the faith of their pre-school children.

Contact:
Phone: 5996 1985

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Tuesdays in the Church 6.30pm—8.30pm

Contact: Epati Nasalio
Phone: 0432 410 480

Charismatic Prayer Groups

Monday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall

Contact: Mondays — Jacinta Gunn 0426 973 026

Spiritual Direction

By Appointment Only

Contact: Ruth Spierings or Divine Pancha
Phone: 0477 800 161 or 0427 706 498

The Brigadiers of Lourdes Prayer Group

Contact: Lorraine Dunkley
Phone: 5996 8771

African Catholic Community Prayer Group

1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass
in the Parish Hall.

Phone: Sisters 5996 1985

**'CatholicCare' — Pre -Marriage Preparation
and Relationship & Family Counselling**

Phone: 5622 1188

Parish Schools

St. Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

Phone: 5996 2724

Website: www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St. Therese's Primary School

133 Endeavour Drive, Cranbourne North

Phone: 5996 7525

Website: www.sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Felicity Broughton

St. Peter's College

Catholic, Co-educational, Secondary —

Cranbourne Campus

Cranbourne-Frankston Road,
Entry also from Navarre Drive.

Clyde North Campus

55 MacKillop Way

Clyde North

Phone: 5990 7777 / Fax: 5996 8277

Website: www2.stpeters.vic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Black

**ST. AGATHA'S PARISH
CRANBOURNE**



PARISH INFORMATION:

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Joseph Abutu

Church: 129 Sladen Street Cranbourne

Presbytery: 131 Sladen Street Cranbourne

PARISH CENTRE & OFFICES:

Parish Office: 1 Scott Street (PO Box 95)
Cranbourne 3977

Providence House: 135 Sladen Street

Office Hours: Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Office closed 12.30pm - 1.00pm

Phone: 5996 1985 / **Fax:** 5996 1992

Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala

Parish Child Safety Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin

Sisters of the Nativity:

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr Victoria Orinya,

Sr Julia Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

For more information visit us online at

stagathas.org.au or Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>

Twitter: @StAgathasCP

Our Parish

St Agatha's Parish officially became an independent parish in 1973. Fr Joe O'Hagan was the first parish priest but was then succeeded by Fr George Todd in 1974. In 1976 St Agatha's Primary school opened. The first Church was a wooden church located on High Street and later a brick Church was built on the adjoining site, which was decommissioned and sold; it is still standing today and operates as a restaurant. Our new Church was blessed and opened by Bishop Eric D'Arcy on 13th December 1981. Fr Jim McGuigan was the parish priest. This new Church was made possible by the generous bequest of the late Eddie Donnelly. In 1987, a campus of St Francis Xavier College was established in Cranbourne which was later to become St Peters College in 1994, whilst in 1989, St Therese's primary school was opened.

St. Agatha died in defence of her purity, in Catania, Sicily, where she was born. After Quintanus, the governor of Sicily, tried in vain to force her to consent to sin, she was imprisoned for a month with an evil woman. He then turned from sensuality to cruelty and had her breasts cut off; but that night Agatha was healed by St. Peter. She was then rolled over sharp stones and burning coals, and finally taken to prison where she died while praying. Her name appears in the Roman Canon.

Feast Day: February 5th

Parish Council

The Parish Council is a leadership group comprised of the Parish Priest and members of the Parish team. Its main function is to discern the needs of the Parish and the community, the gap between the Gospel proclaimed and the actual Christian life in the world. Its main task is the formulating of parish policies and plans, co-ordinating, implementing and monitoring Parish activities.

A number of Parish activities or **Ministries** are represented: **Administration, Liturgy, Social, Care Group, Youth, Parish Visitation and Parish Cells.**

Parish Directory

Sunday Mass Times

St Agatha's Church—129 Sladen Street

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 6:00pm.

*Livestreamed Masses Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am
and Sunday 9.00am*

Mass for the Unborn

1st Friday of the Month at 9:30am

All Night Prayer Vigil

1st Friday of the Month – beginning with Divine Office 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm

Healing Mass

1st Sunday of the Month at 6:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10am — 11am

Saturday 10am — 11am ending with Benediction
Adoration Chapel '24/7'

Reconciliation

Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:00am — 10:30am

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment

Baptism Information Session

1st Sunday of every month, starting at
3:00pm in the Hall. Book online at www.stagathas.org.au
or at the Parish Office at 1 Scott Street.

Marriages

6 months' notice requested
Contact the Parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul

Shop: 218 High Street, Cranbourne.

Phone: 5996 3926 **Help Line:** 5995 0211

Conference: Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month
at 7:30pm in the McGuigan Room in the Hall.

Chairperson: David Edwards

Our Parish Groups

RCIA Program

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church
and for those wishing to prepare for Sacraments.

Meetings: Wednesday 7.30pm in Parish Hall.

Starting Mid-year till Easter

Contact: Tina Dam at the Parish Office

Phone: 5996 1985

Junior RCIA

Baptism and Sacraments [Rite of Christian Initiation of children]
for older children

Contact: Sr Victoria Orinya

Phone: 5996 1985

Religious Instruction for Children in

Non-Parish Schools

Wednesday: 4pm – 5pm

Contact: Sr Victoria Orinya

Phone: 5996 1985

**Baptism Preparation— 1st Sunday of the Month
3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Church. Online bookings visit**

www.stagathas.org.au.

Contact: Parish Office

Phone: 5996 1985

Sacramental Co-ordinator:

Contact: Sr Faustina Ede

Phone: 5996 1985

**Parish Youth Leadership Team
'Invigorate' Years 7-12 &
'Agape' 18-35 Young Adult Group:**

Contact:

Phone: 5996 1985