



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
3rd August 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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Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

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

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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

Thursday: 9.00am & 7.15pm Healing Mass

Friday: 9.30am & 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, we welcome Fr Antony back from holidays, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable break at home with family and friends. We pray you have returned refreshed.

Please keep Fr Michael Willemsen PP of Narre Warren in your prayers.

A VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP will be conducted by the Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Team for all choir members, lectors, extraordinary ministers, collectors, PPC, counters & sacristans in the Church on Thursday 21st August at 7.00pm. This meeting is mandatory for all volunteers. Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code in the foyer or <https://forms.gle/rqT9C3ZwoT7qHRqeA> or contact the parish office to register.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Macy Boyd, child of Rhys & Louise, Zoey & Oliver Baynes, children of Trent & Miranda

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES have been posted this week. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS: New rosters have been emailed during the week.

Confirmation: The children preparing for their Confirmation will be making their commitment at Masses this weekend.

THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL LIFE AND MISSION TEAM has organised a special liturgical workshop with Fr Brian Nichols. Renowned for his expertise in the field, Fr Brian teaches Liturgical and Sacramental Theology at the Catholic Theological College (CTC). This workshop offers all of us and our liturgical ministers, valuable opportunity to explore the principles and practices of meaningful liturgy preparation and engagement. In addition to this, other workshops will cover a range of important topics related to liturgical life in our parishes.

Please see the attached flyer on our website. As we would like the parish priest to be aware of who is attending, **we ask that participants register through their parish Priest.** We kindly ask you to promote this event as widely as possible in your parish, encouraging music ministers, sacristans, welcomers, readers, commentators, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to attend.

ADORATION CHAPEL: A few reminders when visiting the Adoration Chapel, please turn lights and heating off when you are the last person to leave. Do not open the door to anyone who knocks, authorised visitors should use their FOB. Please, do not remove books from the Chapel, they are there for use in the Chapel only. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations. Saturday, 2nd August 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, St Mary's Cathedral, Sale or **Sunday, 10th August 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North**

DIVINE KIDS: Catholic Retreat - A 2-day Retreat for Children and Teens (ages 5 - 15) August 23 and 24, 2025, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton, VIC. For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

SPONSORSHIP: Elizabeth Lupeamanu has a calling to volunteer with NET Ministries, Australia & NZ. A Catholic peer-to-peer youth ministry, with Youth Evangelization. If you would like to sponsor support Elizabeth one of our youth members, scan the QR code in the Church foyer to make a donation.

ST VINNIES FOOD BIN: "Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time." If you'd like to help the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

ST AGATHA'S GOLDEN OLDIES: Retired 60 and over, meeting Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall.

RCIA DIOCESAN WORKSHOP: With Fr Elio Capra, Rejuvenation RCIA an invitation to RCIA teams and interested parishioners. Saturday 23rd August 2025 9.30am for a 10.00am start. 6 Witton St, Warragul Finish 1.00pm lunch and fellowship. Lunch and morning tea provided. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/d8VQwbn7mT> or Joan Robertson: St Joseph's Parish Office: 5623 1642

BAPTISM WORKSHOP: Meeting will be held at **St Agatha's Cranbourne** on **Tuesday 5th August at 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church.** To register please email the parishoffice@stagathas.org.au or 5996 1985.

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 AUGUST cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be hosted by the **Choirs**

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Plaques for Memorial Garden. If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, still birth, sids or other and wish to order a plaque for the wall in the memorial garden. Please contact the parish office before the 19th September 2025 so the plaques will be ready for the Mass of the Angels on the 14th November.

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE is a global spiritual initiative encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary daily for peace, conversion, and the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. All St. Agatha's parishioners are welcome to participate in the Rosary Crusade, where parishioners host Our Lady's statue for a week. They pray the Crusade prayers daily, offering intercession for peace and conversion and personal intentions.



After the week, the statue is returned at the 9: 30 AM Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Book here: [Rosary Crusade Booking Page](#) or via QR Code

DIGITAL KEY: *If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately.* If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

JUBILEE 2025 – PEOPLE OF HOPE: Jubilee of Prayer Groups-Saturday, 16 August 2025 As part of the Jubilee celebrations, an invitation is extended honouring the many prayer groups in our diocese. The day will take place across two locations. The first part of the gathering will take place at **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch** (16–18 Scarborough Street) from 3:0pm to 4:00 pm. This will include Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction. Followed by a cuppa at 4:00 pm. The celebration will continue at **St Joseph's, Wonthaggi** (27–29 Dowling Street) from 5:00pm. There will be prayer group displays around the church and foyer, followed by Night Prayer at 6:00 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm. Pilgrims are encouraged to begin their journey at Inverloch and then travel on to Wonthaggi for the evening liturgy. Please RSVP by 13 August by calling 03 5672 1111 or emailing Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION facilitated by the Emmaus Spirituality Team. 'Flames of Hope' is an opportunity for busy people to pause, reflect, and renew their hope in the light of faith. You are invited to attend either: **Saturday 16 August at Holy Family Catholic Church, 70 Girrahween Road, Maryknoll** – from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm or **Thursday, 21 August at St Brigid's Catholic Church, 19 Church Street, Cowwarr** – from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Please register in advance by scanning the QR code on the poster or using this link: www.tinyurl.com/4bdykw5s

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: Join the Parish of Meredith and Fr. Joseph on a spiritual journey tracing the Footsteps of St. Paul, from October 7th to 18th, 2025. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take us through sacred sites where St. Paul preached and ministered, deepening our connection to Scripture and faith. It will be a time of reflection, discovery, and renewal in the company. Please contact parish office: 03 5286 1230. Email: Meredith@cam.org.au

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code.



CBS BIBLE STUDY GROUP will be commencing the Study of 1 & 2 Peter from the New Testament on Thursday 7th AUGUST at 7.00pm St Michael's in the Parish Centre. For further information, please contact Roy Baker on Mobile 0402784027 or Email roytinabaker@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: *Have you discovered your purpose in life?* Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield. Weekend away Friday 1st August 5.00pm to Sunday 3rd August 4.00pm. Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/DDQBY>

PARISHIONERS LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT: A single lady, practicing Catholic is looking for a room to rent, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

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 VWC, 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.

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 Officer is John Kelly contact the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email 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.



The Recently Deceased: Sr Mary Aloysia, Patricia Skarajew

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Helena Bothello, Daphne & Alphonso Louis, John Henry Paul, Lourenca Mira Kozaris, Joseph Egbert Daly, Noel Dawson, Rosenfield, Pallada Cerna & Finkalseein families, Letoa Malia Matalena Amituana'i, Naomi Fuimaono, Emmanuel Noel, Joe Visalli, John Rodriguez, Virginia Guevarra 1st, Norma Mills, Joanna & Albert Speelmeyer, Tessie Gahon, Fr John McGirr

Those who are sick: Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, 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, Paul Lemalu

*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 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48

2 nd & 3 rd August 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho, R Clarke, K Parrocho
7.30am	M Lutu	P & L Joseph, T Heldt, L Jean Louis
9.00am	F George	T Dam, M & A dam, Volunteer, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, K Auvala
10.45am	J Gunn	R D'Mello, R D'Mello, M Gambin, M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte
6.00pm	R Howell	J Connell, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello

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

9 th & 10 th August 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	L Lim	C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland, volunteer
7.30am	P Joseph	M Vechooretu, H De Costa, M & D Lutu
9.00am	H Guerra	C Pereira, C Noronha, S Almeida, P & L Joseph, T Dam, M Dam
10.45am	A D'Mello	M Sombilion, J Raudino, L Sombilion, A Fosio, M Thomas, C Tyminski, S Lucas
6.00pm	L Piedad	C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin + one

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS Upcoming Dates:
Invigorate Youth -

ALPHA Session run for all ages! ALPHA is a place where young people can learn more about their Christian faith, amongst their peers!

ACYF Melbourne (Grade 9 - Age 25) - Sunday 30th Nov - Tuesday 2nd December

All STAY activities are for ages 12 - 25 unless specified otherwise!

Follow us 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

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

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 3RD AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image

of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance'. 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs'. Then he told them a parable: 'There once was a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time". But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour

REFLECTION



Rather than solving this petitioner's problem, Jesus responds with a parable. It is the story of the "rich fool." The Biblical meaning of "fool" is one who rebels against God or who has forgotten him. The man of the parable is so concerned with maintaining his wealth that there is no place for God in his life. He will die that night, and despite his possessions, he will appear before God empty-handed

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