



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
19th February 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

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

For Parish News & Events:

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

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

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, 12:15pm, 5:00pm
& 7:00pm [Ash Wednesday]

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

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed &
7:30pm Communion Service

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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month
7.30pm-8.30pm

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, a reminder this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Wednesday 22nd February 9.30am, 12.15pm St Agatha's wholeschool Mass, 5.00pm & 7.00pm in the Church. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14th year are obliged to Abstain from meat. Ashes will be available to take home for the infirm who are unable to attend Mass.

The Paschal Precept requires that each of the faithful receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Every Friday, including those in Lent, is a Day of Penance, which may include Prayer [i.e., attending Mass, Stations of the Cross, visiting a Church, or praying the Rosary]; Self Denial [i.e., not eating meat, not drinking alcohol, limiting food, giving up sweets]; Helping Others [i.e., especially the poor, sick and elderly].

On behalf of Fr Stanly and myself we wish to thank everyone involved in making last Sunday our Parish Feast Day/ 50th Jubilee and farewell for Fr Stanly, a wonderful celebration. God Bless you all!

We are currently doing a key audit of the parish hall keys. We would be very grateful if you have a key, please contact the parish office to confirm that you have a key in your possession.

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.](#)

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 will be available from Ash Wednesday in the church foyer or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling, 1800 024 413

SANTO NINO Perpetual Novena Communion service 7.30pm in the Church, led by Deacon Neil. All Welcome!

FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT for children preparing for First Reconciliation at all Masses this weekend. If you attended the 10.45am Mass last weekend and did not make your commitment please do so this weekend at Mass. Please leave your commitment form in the basket.

"MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN" will be commissioned during at the 10.45am Mass. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, Godmothers and carers in general are invited to join and receive this special blessing to renew enthusiasm and perseverance in faith, recognising this important parish ministry and inspiring new people to join.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St Agatha's Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for children in Government Schools Wednesday 4.00pm. Registration can be made online https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid_841/id_18/view.formmaker/ or at the Parish Office.

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!"

BIBLE STUDIES: Our parish will be holding another session of "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", studies. Begin this Sunday 19th February 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. This 8 week session will give you an understanding of the bible narrative from the Old Testament up to Jesus' time in the New Testament - in the Story of our Salvation.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 9th 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 if you wish to make a donation through CDF to support our Youth to travel to Lisbon for WYD. The QR code is available to scan in the Church Foyer and via our website.

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

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!

Go to our parish website at

<https://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.

This week: Ash Wednesday

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/ash-wednesday-transformation>

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.

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 7th February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9th February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10th of February. You may attend any or all of the programs. Please contact plloyd@sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 5996 7525 if you'd like to attend.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend: Date - 21st 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 15th March 2023 to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au or 56226678.

RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES: An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. 2.00pm. Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct) 3.00 pm. The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral 4.00 pm. Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION! As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 26th February 2023, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. 1.30-2.30 pm. Choir rehearsal 3.00-4.00 pm. Rite of Election To register your interest and receive the music pack and rehearsal links, please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au without delay or phone the diocesan office on 5622 6677.

JOB VACANCY: PASTORAL WORKER / SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR: The position of Sacrament Coordinator and Pastoral worker has become available based at St Patrick's Parish Office, Pakenham. We are looking to employ a person for three days a week (20 hours - which will include some evening and weekend work). General hours of work: 20 hours per week, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Wednesday to Friday. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stpattrickspakenham.com.au by Friday 24 February 2023. For a copy of the job description, please contact the parish office via email or directly at 03 5941 7315

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BUS DRIVER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre are seeking a bus driver (12 Seater Automatic Toyota Hiace Van) to do school runs morning and afternoon, hold a current Victorian Driver's License and a Volunteer Working with Children's Check. For more information, please contact Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre on (03) 5996 9056 or email admin@merindapark.com.au