



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
Year A
8th December 2019**

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Mary Olofu,
Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya
Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Sue Ryan & Tina Dam

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mr Terry Cahill

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive
Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am & **6.00pm** Grade 6 Graduation

Friday: 9.30am, 11.00am St Peter's Staff
& **6.00pm** Grade 6 Graduation

Saturday: 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am

Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am

First Friday of the Month: 8.30pm - 9.00am

Adoration Chapel: 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a
PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

Healing Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at 6.00pm

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.30pm followed by a spiritual
teaching and all-night Adoration

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 in the Adoration Chapel.

Baptisms

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

Marriages

6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMETABLE

Advent Reconciliation Service: Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm
Christmas Eve: 7.00pm – Family Mass, **9.00pm & Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am “NO MASS SUNDAY EVENING”
New Year's Eve: 11.00pm Vigil Prayers, followed by **Midnight Mass.**
New Year's Day: 9.00am & 10.45am



Dear Parishioners, I have been in contact with Bishop Patrick regarding special needs children/adults of our parish who have not completed the Sacrament of Confirmation. He will be coming to St Agatha's early next year for this ceremony. If you have a special needs child/adult and would like them to receive Sacraments of Confirmation and or First Communion please contact the parish office and I will be in touch with you.

Sr Victoria has invited a guest speaker to come and speak on the 4th April 2020 to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick. Please mark this date in your diaries.

Thank you to Peter Dam for making the stands for our new 'Tap n Go' terminals, which have now been installed in the Church foyer, for donations to the Church building extension.

13 members of our Youth together with Sr Mary travelled on Thursday evening to Perth for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. We pray for a safe trip and that they will open to God's call in their lives.

Grade 6 students from St. Agatha's school will celebrate their graduation Mass this Thursday at 6.00pm & St. Therese's school this Friday at 6.00pm. We Congratulate you and wish you all the best.

God bless, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN GOD: Ruvarashe Chimombe, child of Freeman & Shelter, Jaden Arlapen, child of Jovanni & Marie, Spencer Duffy, child of Samantha, Nikolas Wasina, child of Brett & Meagan, Liam Rodriguez, child of Augustus & Chemberly and Cohen Tripodi, child of John & Patricia.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed this Thursday 12th Dec from 11.30am.

GRAVEL CARPARK will be closed for parking this Friday 13th December.

BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: We are in need of some babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. If you are able to help at this special time please contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: If you are able to assist as an extraordinary minister at Christmas please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer. Sr Faustina

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: *This will require permission from the parents of the all Altar Servers.* Forms have been emailed on the to all parents on the 7th November. Forms are available on our Parish website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/resources>

MENALIVE NEXT EVENT: Thanks to all that responded and attended the menAlive weekend on 16th -17th November, it was a very spirit filled and successful event. The next event is scheduled for Friday, 13th December 2019, in the Parish Hall, from 7pm onwards. We will catchup, form our groups, share a BBQ / Pizza dinner together, play some indoor games (Table Tennis / Air Hockey / Foosball acquired by the Parish) etc. A small fee of \$10 is requested to subsidize for the food & drinks.

PARISH RECONCILIATION: On Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm we will be celebrating our big parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas. There will be numerous priests available, please mark this date in your diaries. Other opportunities for Reconciliation times all at 7.30pm, are St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North 11th Dec, St Patrick's Pakenham 12th Dec, Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren 17th Dec, St Michael's Berwick 18th Dec.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be singing carols and presenting a small nativity play on Saturday the 21st December after the 6pm evening Mass.

CARPARK USHERS: Due to the large numbers attending Masses at Christmas we are in need of carpark ushers, especially at the 7.00pm, 9.00pm and midnight Mass. If you are able to help please place your name and number on the clipboard in the foyer.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS: focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions for the month of **December: 12th Thanksgiving for blessing received during the year ,19th Thanksgiving for families blessed with a baby in 2019 and blessing for those born in December.**

SIMBANG GABI: Masses will be celebrated at 5.00am from 16th December until 24th December followed by breakfast in the parish hall. Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics leading to Christmas Eve.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: A training session for St Agatha's parish will be conducted on St Agatha's parish will be conducted on **Saturday 22nd February 202 at 10.00am.**



All employees, parish council members and volunteers are requested to register your participation online at: <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training> The training session is expected to take about 2½ hours. There will be no charge as it is sponsored by the Diocese of Sale. It includes a training booklet, tea and coffee.

MASS FOR HOLY INNOCENTS Friday 28th December at 9.30 am. Children can come dressed up as Angels or Saints. Morning tea after mass in parish hall please bring a plate of food to share.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: We would like to invite parishioners to donate a toy for a child aged between 2-14years. These gifts do not need to be wrapped as the parents are then able to choose a gift for their child. The toys will be distributed with the Christmas Hampers. Part of making those experiencing difficulties in our community have a nice Christmas. Thank you and God bless you all."

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH: 9th December, 2019 to Friday, 10 January, 2020 Where: St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. All Welcome! Cost: FREE Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parents Viewing time: After Mass times and any other time by appointments only Contacts: 9795 6217 (parish office) Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

NEEDED DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CARITAS: Would suit a motivated person with an interest in Project Compassion and related activities. Travel around the diocese at times, particularly in Lent (fuel allowance and other allowances). May suit someone recently or partly retired (perhaps but not necessarily with a teaching background). Contact: Dcn Mark Kelly 0427748646/ Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au

EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT: Sunday 22nd March – Sunday 29th March 2020 Cost \$1500, Registration by 6th Jan 2020. 10% early discount by 16th December 2019. Registration 0477 474 848

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Kalumburu and La Grange/Bidyadanga. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr on 08 9192 1060 PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725 www.broomediocese.org or email: volunteers@broomediocese.org

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2020 Study Options Now Available! Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation: Meditation in the Christian Tradition; Applied Meditation; Meditation and Wholeness. Audit and Credit options available Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments. Ph: 03 9412 3309, email AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au – 278 Vitoria Parade, East Melbourne ctc.edu.au

YOUTH CORNER: ARE YOU IN YEAR 7 –YEAR 12? Would you like to join our Junior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 12-14 or our Senior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 15-17? For more information please contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code. **2QKKNB**

Pick of the week: Advent with Dr Tim Gray

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-reflections-preparing-for-the-birth-of-our-savior-with-tim-gray>

"Prepare the Way for the Lord" John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. How do we prepare the way for Jesus in the lives of our young people? Do we pray for them? Encourage and support them? Invite them to serve, and thank them? How can we be like John the Baptist to those people who do not know Jesus?



The Recently Deceased: Paul Biviano, Anthony Julian
Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:
 Nazareno Borg, Jim Sammut, Eugene D'Cruz, Carlton Narcis, Margaret D'Rosario, Charlotte & Frank D'Souza, Aileen & Tony De Couto, Nicola & Grazia Rechichi, Anthony Bastian, Mary John, De Zilva & Pesamino Families, Gaetano, Vincenzo & Maria Di Pietro, Evans & Francis Families, Richard Clarke, Kathleen Canavan, Fr Patrick O'Donohue, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Margaret Fry, Edgar Lalouette, Una Williams, Rex Rosevear

With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Please advise the Parish Secretaries if you wish to be taken off the sick list.

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 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr A: Is 35: 1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7/8 Dec Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	S Labella	T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt	J Bourke
7.30am	K Luxford	D Krella, A Quintal, L Adikari	K Martini
9.00am	D Marie	P Joseph, J Seeborun, L Ahsio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, T Dam	G Nelson
10.45am	T Macharaga	C Tyminski, L Fosio, M Gambin, E Mandizvidza, T Macharaga, K Johnson, A Antony, Volunteer	L & G Clark
6.00pm	T Hummel	C Joseph, S Ganesh, R Weinman, T Treacy, J Connell, S Labella, C James	J Bourke
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		A Mastroianni & S Lucas	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, D Krella, T Macharaga	
CHURCH CLEANERS	9-12 Dec	Afaese Family	
14/15 Dec Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	A Simmons	R Weinman, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, A Hughes	C D'Lima
7.30am	P Condina	A Quintal, P Martin, D Krella	R Macapagal
9.00am	H Guerra	M & A Dam, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer, A Malia Ulu	C Pocock
10.45am	N Atulia	T Lupeamanu, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale	P & O Schreurs
6.00pm	A Ah Sui	L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, Y Prasetyo, A Antony, T Hummel, B Evans	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		C Poliquit, A Mastroianni	
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J & M Laufou	
CHURCH CLEANERS	16-21 Dec	S Jean Louis, D Krella, C Ancheta, M Magkase, K Susanto	
CHRISTMAS CHOIRS	24 th Dec	7.00pm Children's Choir, 9.00pm Youth Choir, 12 Midnight Divine Mercy Choir	
	25 th Dec	7.30am Rasa Choir, 9.00am Organ Choir & 10.45am Milo & Family Choir	

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 Faustina 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters
THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES: 2nd Saturday of the Month 2.30pm-4pm. Enq: Lorraine Dunkley 5996 8771
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.
SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Leo 5995 6813
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph Jacinta 0426973026, Wed 7.30pm Providence. Ph: John 0448343074
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161
INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP: Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985
AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd Sunday 7.15pm – 9.00pm. Enquiries Sr. Mary 5996 1985
VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com
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 Sr Victoria 5996 1985
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table or to register on our website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 8TH DECEMBER 2019

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as the signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of

circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

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