



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Second Sunday of Lent
Year B
28th February 2021

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: Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 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 Stanly Devasia

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Mary Olofu,

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

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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: 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

Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please search YouTube: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Tuesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Wednesday: **8.00am** - Live Streamed

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 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 Suspended

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 in the Adoration Chapel

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held First Sunday of the Month 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS, As we begin the second week of lent, I would like to once again remind you that Lent is a time of a new beginning. The beginning of a journey that will last for the rest of our lives. Today's gospel about the transfiguration gives us the glimpse of the glorious end of this painful and difficult but necessary journey.

This experience helped the apostles to cope with the sufferings of Christ and their own sufferings. May our faith in Jesus guides us through the dark moments of our lives to the glorious kingdom of God.

I encourage parishioners to attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. We will begin with Rosary at 6.30pm and follow with Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

Mass this Wednesday will be celebrated and live streamed at 8.00am. Altar servers training session Tuesday 16th March 4.00pm in the Church. Next Sunday the RCIA elect and candidates will participate in the Scrutinies in readiness for Easter. On the 3rd Sunday of Lent candidates and elect are presented the Creed. The weekend Gospel readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent will be taken from Year A. May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Leo Flynn, child of Dean & Nicolette, Khelani Abangan, child of Oscar & Mashael, Mia Lefebour, child of Craig & Lisa, Evie Bennett, child of Rudi & Hayley and Zagros Mehdi Lak, child of Tohrol & Tasha.

MASS TIMES: Please note Mass this Wednesday 3rd March will be celebrated at **8.00am** because the priests will be attending a clergy gathering in Warragul.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on Thursday 4th March from 10.00am for a Diocesan meeting.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Spend "One hour with Jesus" (8am-9am) here in the church, Tuesday to Saturday every week. The adoration will conclude with morning prayer from the divine office.

RCIA PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer to pray for one of our RCIA Catechumens or Candidates.

FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL will take place on Friday 5th March. Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm. All Welcome!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Mass of Reparation in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place Saturday 6th March, **after the 9.30am Mass.** This devotion includes the reciting of 1 Rosary and meditating on the other 3 Mysteries of the Rosary and concluding with a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 5th March at 10.00am Cranbourne Uniting Church, Lesdon Ave, Cranbourne. The theme Build a Strong Foundation – Pray for Vanuatu.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father invites children in Grade 3 and above who have made their First Communion or who will be preparing for the Sacrament this year to come to a training session on Tuesday 16th March at 4.00pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP: Wednesday 3rd March at 5.00pm & 7.00pm and Thursday 4th March at 7.00pm.

ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS: Online Mass bookings for weekdays **will not be necessary.** For weekday Masses come and register your name and contact details on arrival. An exception will apply on special occasions online bookings will be necessary. **Weekend Mass bookings are still strictly by booking online** via the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Please arrive early to Mass as the Church will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes are available from the church foyer. Please give generously to the appeal this Lent.

JUNIOR RCIA 2021: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Registrations now open. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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.

For the First Reconciliation children

This week: Forgiven: The Blessing of Confession
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/forgiven-the-blessings-of-confession>

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for First Communion in 2020. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985. Ceremonies held every weekend until August 2021.

Up to 5 Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm.

For family members and guests wishing to attend the ceremony online Mass attendance bookings are required, bookings can be made via our parish website. **Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.**

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE CREED AT 9.00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: On 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent the RCIA Elect and Candidates participate in the Scrutinies. This rite entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass, and summarises our central beliefs as Catholics. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this rite symbolizes that our Parish Community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic Faith with them.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MELBOURNE: Jesus is Alive" 50TH Anniversary celebration. Saturday 6th March 2021 Online via Zoom From 9.30am to 5.00pm to register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=708346&>

Sunday 7th March Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli from 3.00 to 5.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, East Brunswick to book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=708379&>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Registration forms are available via our parish website. Registration fee \$25 Classes Wednesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm **Grade 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the Parish Hall. Grade 3, 4 & 5 will be dropped off and picked up from the Church.** Any child not registered will not be allowed to stay for classes. Seven additional Catechists are needed to help, with RE Classes in term two. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Faustina.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you.

Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of **three** attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

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 If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**



The Recently Deceased: Rey Carlos Santos

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Carlos Santin 1st, Felix Weinman, Francesco Bruno, Gaetana Papa, Sarina Romano, Mary Datt 1st, Santa Maria Cimino, David Willatunga, Jose & Rose Paul, Jean & Shelton Ward, Sr Helen Eluma, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Brian Venville

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 Secretary 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 Lent Yr A Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 Yr B Ex 20:1-7; 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

27-28 February 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	R Trevisan, M Cincotta, A Hughes		
7.30am	T Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	A Malia Ulu	R Alejandro, E Mandividza, E Abraham		
10.45am	M Auvale	R Holsinger, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere		
6.00pm	R Gimeno	A Quintal, T Treacy, C Joseph		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended			
CHURCH COUNTERS		K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello		
CHURCH CLEANERS		Afaese Family		
6-7 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	R Trevisan	T Heldt, C D'Lima, A Simmons		
7.30am	B Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	R Gimeno	D Barker, S Borsodi, J Raudino		
10.45am	R D'Mello	R D'Mello, R D'Mello, A Ortencio		
6.00pm	V Prasetyo	J Connell, T Hummel, Y Prasetyo		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended			
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham		
CHURCH CLEANERS		Divine Mercy Group		

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: Petelo 0435 118 132
- CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426 973 026
- 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
- YOUTH GROUP INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am & **AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. 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:** For safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
- FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: Saturday 6.00pm & 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 has an APP that is available from the 'APP STORE' and the '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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said, 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of
his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have
loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I
make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his
people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in
your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us?
Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave
him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after
such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can

give. Could anyone accuse those that God has
chosen? When God acquits, could anyone
condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only
died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at
God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory
and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John
and led them up a high mountain where they
could be alone by themselves. There in their
presence he was transfigured: his clothes
became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly
bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to
them with Moses; and they were talking with
Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he
said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us
make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and
one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they
were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering
them in shadow; and there came a voice from the
cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to
him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round,
they saw no one with them any more but only
Jesus. As they came down the mountain he
warned them to tell no one what they had seen,
until after the Son of Man had risen from the
dead. They observed the warning faithfully,
though among themselves they discussed what
'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread

