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St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year C
2nd December 2018

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 to 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 ☎ 5996 1985

Parish Child Safety Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Susanne 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

West Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West

East 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 & 7.30pm

Friday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

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

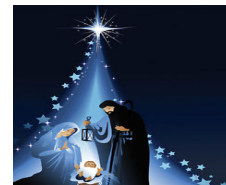
Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

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

ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMETABLE**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Tuesday 18th 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, Thank you to all the parishioners who helped make Sr Lucy's farewell luncheon such a wonderful day. I also thank the volunteers who assisted with the Altar Servers pizza night. Sr Mary will be returning from holidays this Friday.

It's not too late to join the Advent Program held on Monday nights at 7.30pm in Providence House. I encourage you to make use of this wonderful opportunity to prepare yourselves spiritually for Christmas.

Next Sunday at the 10.45am Mass the Children from the Children's Liturgy will be presenting a song. I would like to thank all the children's liturgy leaders who give of their time to teach these young children about Jesus. I invite more parishioners to get involved and join as children's liturgy leaders.

Our church grounds have undergone many improvements over the last few months. This week we have completed an extension to the disabled parking, pram crossings and widen the footpath. **The disabled parking will not be available until Thursday this week** as the concrete has to cure. For the safety of pedestrians we ask that parishioners do not park cars on the brick paving under the church portico. Bollards will be erected to stop access to this area. I thank you for your patience and understanding. God bless you all, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME A CHILDREN OF GOD: Aaliyah Reid, child of Ernest & Samantha and Layla Gresle, child of Christopher & Kathleen.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Paul & Denise DeGraaff who will renew their wedding vows during Saturday morning Mass on the occasion of the 40th Wedding Anniversary.



ADVENT PROGRAM: Advent is observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Advent, “COMING” a holy, four-week countdown to Jesus' birthday. Get ready to make room for Christ. Meeting Mondays 3rd, 10th & 17th December in

Providence House from 7.30pm.-9.00pm. Eng: Ruth on 0477 800 161.

HEALING MASS: This Sunday at the 6.00pm Mass led by Fr. Antony.

MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will take place this Friday 7th December. It will begin with Divine Office at 7.00pm, Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. **The all-night Prayer Vigil is held on the first Friday of each month.**

PARISH RECONCILIATION: On Tuesday 18th 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 Michael's Berwick 11th Dec, St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North 12th Dec, St Patrick's Pakenham 13th Dec, Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren 19th Dec.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD CHRISTMAS DISPLAY: Christmas and Religious items will be available for purchase next weekend after Masses on the 8th & 9th December.

WELCOMERS ROSTER: New Rosters are being compiled this week, if you would like to help in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. **December 7th we pray for families travelling on holidays**, 14th for Thanksgiving for blessings received this year, 21st Thanksgiving for families blessed with a baby in 2018 & 28th For those celebrating a birthday in December.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am at St Mary's Cathedral Sale. We encourage parishioners to attend to celebrate this special occasion for our diocese.

ST VINNIES CONFERENCE needs a volunteer Secretary. The role requires computer skills particularly with Microsoft package. The role would include taking minutes of meetings, typing letters and any other correspondence, training provided. Contact Mary on 5996 1758

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY: Certificates of completion will be presented to participants at Masses next weekend.

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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: Prepare the Way of the King. Dr. Scott Hahn

<https://formed.org/search?term=Prepare%20the%20way%20of%20the%20king>

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: Why Working With Children Check (WWCC) and Code of Conduct (COD)? “Creating a culture of child safety within your organization is vital to lowering the risk of harm to children. Child abuse must be acknowledged, expectations of behaviour must be clearly explained and accepted [COD], and strategies such as robust recruitment practices must be in place [WWCC]. By building a strong culture of child safety, you will reduce the ability for potential abusers to be opportunistic. There should be a high expectation that everyone in your organization is committed to child safety. This needs to be led and facilitated by your leadership and should be consistent with your organisation's aims and values.” (Commission for Children and Young People (2015), A guide for creating a child safe organization 2.0

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS: Could all teachers registered as a volunteer at St Agatha's Parish with a VIT card please forward a scan of the front and back of your card and email to the Parish Office ASAP.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to invite parishioners to donate to our toy drive. We are collecting toys for children up to 14 years of age, for girls or boys. Please do not wrap the gifts as we give parents the opportunity to choose something their child would like. Please leave the toys in the black boxes on either side of the sanctuary. Donated non-perishable food items will also be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help on the hamper preparation days which will be the Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Dec at St Peter's College. If you can help please leave your name and phone number at the Piety Stall.

THANK YOU: CatholicCare would like to thank the community of St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne for its generous donation of \$3,151.45 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Diocese of Sale.

AUSTRALIAN PASTORAL MUSICIANS NETWORK 4th NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 1-3 October 2019, Listen to the Spirit and Sing! ACU Melbourne. Keynote speakers Tony Alonso and Diana Macalintal. Featuring 3 Keynotes, 2 Plenary Workshops, 40+ Breakout Workshops, Conference Mass & Dinner. Registrations Open March 1, 2019. www.apmn.org.au

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE: Monday 10th Dec 2018 to Friday 11th Jan 2019. St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. Wilson Fernandez has been creating wonderful display and is regarded as one of Australia's best nativity. Contact St. Elizabeth's 9795 6217

POSITION OF SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR / PASTORAL WORKER – OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, NARRE WARREN: – We are looking to employ a person for four days a week (24 hours across a week). The successful applicant will be primarily responsible for the preparation and management of the parish sacrament program. This position forms part of the parish pastoral team and will include involvement in other pastoral work as required. Suitable applicants can forward their resume via email olhc@olhc.org.au, addressed to The Parish Priest by 3.00pm on Friday 14th December 2018. Please contact the Parish Office on 9704 7935 for the position description.

ST NICHOLAS DAY MASS: St Johns Koo Wee Rup on Sunday 9th December at 7.00pm at Anglican Church St Gippsland Hwy, Tooradin. Followed by supper, treats for the children. All Welcome!

YOUTH CORNER: Invigorate Youth Group: Our youth groups meet every 2nd Saturday and 4th Friday of the month. For enquiries contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256. If you are over 18 years of age you will be required to hold a Working with Children Card and sign a Parish Code of Conduct.