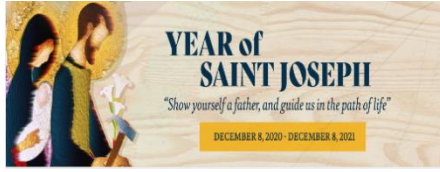




# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to  
visitors & staff working from home:  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm  
Lunch 12.30pm to 1.00pm

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

**Email:** [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://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 Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

### Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Tina Dam

☎ 5996 1985

### 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:**

**Sunday:** 9.00am

**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:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

### Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am Suspended

Saturday: 10.00am Suspended

### 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:** Closed due to the lockdown

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel

### Baptisms - Suspended

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

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** Parish staff continue to work from home, staff can be contacted by email or phoning the parish office during office hours.

All Sacraments have been suspended due to the lockdown. Baptism Preparation, Baptism and First Communion ceremonies have been postponed until further notice.

Given the present circumstances, I would like to offer Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am for all those recently deceased. Especially for those who did not have the opportunity of a Mass offered for them. Parishioners are invited to email the names of their deceased loved ones, who have died in the last 18 months. Names will be displayed on the screen before the Mass begins. Email: [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) before 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Today in Australia we observe National Day of Prayer, to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. You are invited to join a National virtual Prayer Service, from 9 AM - 9 PM (AEST). <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

Australian Council of Christians and Jews: With the devastating news emerging from Afghanistan and the turmoil which now exists. We pray for those whose lives have been affected and for the leaders of nations to work for peace, restoration and safety of all. The statement can be found on our parish website.

Social Justice Sunday will be observed next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has prepared the annual Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" The Statement reflects on the challenges of climate in our own country through the lens of people's lived experience. It echoes the call of Pope Francis to unite with all our brothers and sisters in careful stewardship of the creation entrusted to us. The statement can be downloaded via our parish website.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** For children in government schools, will be postponed due to the lockdown



**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** Parent- Child Workshop to be rescheduled after lockdown restrictions. If you have not submitted the registration form, please email the copy to the parish office. Please drop worksheets at the parish office when restrictions have been eased.

Ceremonies dates may be rescheduled due to the lockdown. New dates yet to be fixed.

**YOUTH MINISTER 2022:** Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Warragul and Drouin Parishes Youth Minister from January 2022. Current position is 8 hours per week equivalent, but it is hoped that, in combination with some neighbouring parishes, multiple days can be offered to the right applicant. Expressions of interest: Deacon Mark Kelly 0427748646 Email: [Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au)

**POPE FRANCIS** reminds us that "Difficulties and crises within the Catholic Church are not signs of a church in decline but one that is alive and living through challenges, just like men and women today. Let us remember that the church always has difficulties, always is in crisis, because she's alive. Living things go through crises. Only the dead don't have crises," he said. Read the article from Catholic News Services <https://www.catholicnews.com/crises-are-signs-that-church-is-still-alive-pope-says/>

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** Operation Christmas Child, now is the time to start packing by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. Will you partner with us again this year to reach more children with the love of Jesus? Locked down? Too busy? Pack online: for more information go to <https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**YOUTH CORNER:** Meetings postponed until further notice.

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: Presence - The Eucharist**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-eucharist>

**COVID SAFETY:** In line with current government restrictions.

**CHURCH:** Closed to No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

**FACE COVERINGS:** Face masks: must be worn inside and outdoors everywhere except your own home.

**FUNERALS (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR):** Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

**ADORATION CHAPEL** is closed for private prayer.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The pews in the Church have been moved for your safety. Please do not move the pews in the Church for your safety and it causes damage to the carpet.

**DIVINE AUSTRALIA KIDS PRESENTS:** 'A Bible Quest from the Bible Chest' For all children aged between 5 – 13, Every alternate Saturdays 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM (AEST) Via Zoom. Our next Bible Quest is on 28<sup>th</sup> August. Parents, to request an enrolment form for your child please contact: [divinekidsministry@gmail.com](mailto:divinekidsministry@gmail.com)

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN** Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' John 6:60-69

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ. (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

**NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK.** August 23-29

Would you like to discover a way of tracking your cycles and understand a method of family planning in which both members of the couple share this awesome responsibility?

The Billings Ovulation Method® is based on sound science and has been proven an effective Method to achieve or postpone a pregnancy and to monitor reproductive health. Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/> An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

**ENGAGING YOUR FAITH – ONLINE SEMINARS FOR \$20 CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Series of short sessions: online via Zoom. Engaging Your Faith. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 21<sup>st</sup> Aug to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. Booking, payment and further information: [www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/](http://www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/)

**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](mailto:Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au) If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**



**The Recently Deceased:** Esther Oche, Josie Hagen, Jack Dwyer-Duiker, Rachele Raso, Marvie Umali, Lillian Julien, Sr Marie Bastian

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Dominica Ranatunga, Kevin De Kauwe, Restituto Borja, Margaret Nowden, Marlene Rafferty 1<sup>st</sup>, Raymond Soans, Dominic Padua, Felicitas D Uy 1<sup>st</sup>, Diana D Uy 1<sup>st</sup>, Maurice Rebello, Audrey D'Cruz 1<sup>st</sup>, Barbara Fernandez, Aileen & Tony Decouto, Innocent Maria Dias, Fr Patrick Cremin

**Those who are sick:** Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Kay Martini, Sirinimal "Sam" & Lyndell Adikari, Denis Beltrame

*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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday      Deut 4:1-2, 6-8;      James 1:17-18, 21-22,27;      Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

14-15 August 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Sisters	
7.30am		
9.00am		
10.45am		
6.00pm		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		
CHURCH CLEANERS		
21-22 August 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Sisters	
7.30am		
9.00am		
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
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ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE



**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel

“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*

### 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email [voiceforlife@hotmail.com](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



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



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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.

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**FIRST READING**

*Joshua 24:1-2.15-15*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 5:21-32*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*John 6:60-69*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread ... ..

