



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV23

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
Year C
24th March 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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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

Sisters of the Nativity:

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

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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 & 7.30pm

Friday: 9.30am

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

Dear Parishioners, We warmly welcome Bishop Patrick O'Regan to St. Agatha's this weekend, as he confers Mark Hughes (Seminarian) to the ministry of Lector. We congratulate Mark and continue to keep him in our prayers.

Please continue to pray for the young parishioners and their families who will be making their First Reconciliation this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Well known International Speaker 'Jeff Cavins' will be coming to St. Agatha's Church, on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 7.00pm after the 6.00pm Mass. JEFF CAVINS will present "The Activated Disciple: Taking your Faith to the Next Level". Jeff has also presented the 'Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study' series which we have been following in our parish bible study. There will be a collection taken up on the night to support the costs for the event.

Security Cameras have now been installed in and around our Church for the security of the Church and its contents, but also for the safety of parishioners. Any data collected will only be used for legitimate security reasons and is only stored for one month unless it is required by Police for an investigation into crime. We will not be monitoring parishioners unless an incident is reported.

Annual House blessing request, please ring the Parish Office and leave your contact details with your preferred time and day and we will contact you. God bless you all, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Emma Anesh, child of Anesh & Resmy, Olivia Macdonald, child of Mark & Daniela, Raphael De Chavez, child of Stephen & Reysie, Indigo Hau Kautai, child of Robert & Emily and Sashwin De Silva, child of Athige & Supipi.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. **28th For those who celebrated their birthday in March.**

LECTORS & MUSIC MINISTRY: The Gospel Readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent will be taken from **Year A at the 9.00am Mass only.**

RCIA ELECT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE CREED AT 9.00AM MASS TODAY: On 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent the RCIA Elect & Candidates participate in the Scrutinies. This rite entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly 17 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.

PRAYER CARDS: Please collect a prayer card from the table in the foyer and pray for the children making their **First Reconciliation** this week.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Ceremony dates Tuesday 26th March 5.00pm & 7.00pm, Wednesday 27th March 5.00pm & 7.00pm and Thursday 28th March at 5.00pm.

WELCOMERS ROSTERS will be compiled this week, if you would like to join in this ministry or make a change to your Mass preference time please contact the Parish Office on 59961 985.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father Antony 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 2nd April at 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend.

LENTEN HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT: Brot Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher, will be returning to St Agatha's as part of his Australian Lenten and Deliverance Retreats on Monday 1st April from 7.00pm-9.30pm in the Church. He will present a lesson on the Power in the Word of God and minister his Gift of Healing to those who come forward for prayer. Flyers will be available after Mass or for further enquiries Email jcilmmelbourne@gmail.com or visit www.jcilm.info

PARISH RECONCILIATION for Easter will be celebrated on **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm** in the Church, please save the date in your diaries.

TENEBRAE: Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. **Please note there will be no Reconciliation on this evening.** Tenebrae is a ceremony held during the three days preceding Easter. Tenebrae is Latin for shadows the purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, this is recreated with readings, prayers, sombre tones sounded, with the gradual extinguishing of candles, taking place in total darkness near the end of the service. It is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

FORMED

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 My Beloved Son, Meditations for Lent. By Bishop Robert Barron.** https://formed.org/listen/56ba021b084df3e40bdf0b70?event_id=5e2faeb1-0c5e-4489-8f1b-b2f501fe9f8c&event_type=SEARCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place this Friday in Lent at 7.30pm

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 28th March at 8.00pm after 7.30pm Mass. You will be commissioned at Mass on Holy Thursday evening. The **extraordinary minister's** role is to distribute Holy **Communion**, either within Mass or by taking it to a **sick** person.

ST AGATHA'S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019: Limited spaces still available. Chaplain, Fr Joseph Abutu 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29th April - 13th May 2019. For the detailed itinerary please contact Rebecca Daly on [0421 521 550](tel:0421521550)

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 6th April to 13th April. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

DAYS FOR LIFE: Voice for Life Group will be praying at the exclusion zone in East Melbourne. A peaceful prayer vigil, praying for an end to abortion. Please make an effort to join us to pray for the babies. Our group will leave straight after morning Mass each Tuesday.

YOUNG MEN OF GOD MISSIONS' TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES: Is a mission that immerses young men in the Filipino culture and assist the locals to build houses for the poor. For men aged 17-35 the next trip is from 29th June 29 - 14th July. You will be provided with Mass every day, a spiritual director, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. John Duiker will be speaking this Sunday 24th March at 6.00pm Mass.

PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY IN 2019: April & May the National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft preliminary National Report is developed, with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified.

CAR RAFFLE: Please return books ASAP to the Parish office or with your payment after Mass on the weekend. Drawn on 4th May 2019.

KSC FUNDRAISING DINNER 28TH MARCH 2019: Unfortunately, due to lack of response, the KSC Fundraising Dinner on 28th March 2019 has been postponed until later in the year. The group are looking for suggestions for this event later in the year (e.g. lunch or dinner on a weekend?) and would welcome your input. Please send thoughts to Jim Johnson by email: jimjohnson@dcsi.net.au

WE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT THERE IS AS MUCH SLAVERY IN THE WORLD TODAY, as there was before, or perhaps more - said Pope Francis last month. **Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?** Ten years ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure and consumer demands, most supermarkets will sell some. Thank you for contributing to the demand for slavery-free chocolate, but we have a long way to go. **Good news:** There is now slavery-free chocolate available in so many places. It tastes delicious and is no more expensive than other chocolate. Try ALDI, Higgs, OXFAM and leading supermarkets. Have you thought about converting to slavery-free tea and coffee? **Action:** When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL: will soon begin works on their new Admin building. This will impact on our upper carpark as the builders will be fencing part of this carpark off for their builder's site from Monday 25th March. The disabled parks will still be available for parishioners. The second stage of demolition will commence on 5th April till 18th April. For safety reasons the school driveway to Scott Street will be closed. During asbestos removal we are asked not to park in the parish office carpark or use the footpath. If you need to visit the parish office please park on

YOUTH CORNER: The Theme for this year is 'Faith Formation'.

Youth are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church. On Friday 22nd March we meet at 6.50pm to practice in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other's in the Parish please give me a call. Contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

Recently Deceased

Honerine Mary Beale
Gaby Michael
Avelina Macapugay
Caroline
Heather Duyvestyn

Anniversaries:

Jeanne Barry
Kathleen Maher 1st
Guillerma Faelnar
Chymene Chansan 1st

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries

Saturday 6.00pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory, Gaby Michael [Rec Dec 40 days]
Sunday 7.30am-- For the People of the Parish
" 9.00am-- Caroline [Rec Dec]
" 10.45am-- Orazio Molino [B'day Remb] & Santa Maria Cimino [B'day Remb]
" 6.00pm-- Chymene Chansan [1st Anniv] & Thanksgiving [Alice Ortencio]

Feasts**Weekday Masses**

Monday 9.30am-- Edmund Tyminski [B'day] The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday 9.30am-- Thanksgiving [Ralph D'Rosario & Family]
Wednesday 9.30am-- Antoinette Ternel & Jeanne Barry [Anniv]
Thursday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
" 7.30pm-- Kathleen Maher [1st Anniv]
Friday 9.30am-- Guillerma Faelnar [Anniv], Anthony Faelnar [B'day] &
For the souls of Teogenes Caing, Heraclio Faelnar, Mamerto Garcia Snr
Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

Sick List: Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Rosy Preca, Pearl Roussiyann, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia, Zinnia Noah Godden

With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Loved ones prayed for on the sick list will remain on the list for one month, unless advised otherwise.

Rosters for Ministries**23-24 March 2019: Lectors:**

6.00pm: Childrens Choir S Joseph, T Heldt, A Qunital, R Weinman, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta
7.30am: B Vechoorettu M Soni, L & S Jean Louis
9.00am: L Samuelu T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, Y Shedden, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg
10.45am: R D'Mello L & G Clark, Sr Faustina, L & C Tyminski, C Frenkel, L Fosio, M Gambin
6.00pm: M Lutu T Hummel, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu
Church Cleaners for the week 25th to 30th March: Afaese Family
Counters: C D'Lima, L Cresswell, J McLean

Extraordinary Ministers:**Welcomers:**

R Estrada, B Harris
K Martini
J & H Speelmeyer
P & O Schreurs
L Booth

Children's Liturgy: Anna & Jessie

30-31 March 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: D Hughes R Trevisan, A Hughes, C D'Lima, K Jolley, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal
7.30am: R Crozier R Crozier, D Krella, M Soni
9.00am: A Ah Sui H Speelmeyer, L Dunkley, D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, J Seeborun, P Joseph
10.45am: T Macharaga E Mandizvidza, C Bestervitch, K Johnson, T Nyerenyere, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, R Holsinger
6.00pm: Y Prasetyo C James, L Booth, T Treacy, C Joseph, S Ganesh, B Evans, R Lupeamanu
Church Cleaners for the week 6th April: Divine Mercy Group
Counters: P & T Dam, D Barker

Extraordinary Ministers:**Welcomers:**





M Van Gunster, E Hill
L Adikari
P & T Dam
R Afaese, M Iverach
L Tuffnell

Children's Liturgy: No Children's Liturgy

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32 **9.00am Mass Yr A 1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41**

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 Mary 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP: Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.
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 in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hr 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 5996 1985
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact 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 your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.

FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up.' I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour