



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**First Sunday of Lent
Year A
26th February 2023**

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

For Parish News & Events:

<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

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

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive
Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

Principal: Mrs Felicity Broughton

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

Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

Monday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Tuesday 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Wednesday: 8:00am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Saturday: 9:30am - In the Church & 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 First Thursday of the Month 7.15pm begins with
Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

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

Baptisms

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

Marriages

6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am this Wednesday, the 1st of March as the Clergy from across our diocese will gather for a day of prayer and reflection, preparing themselves for Lent.

Holy Father Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2023 entitled "Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey". In his message for Lent this year, the Holy Father chooses the Gospel of the Transfiguration, inviting us to an experience of Lenten penance in which we are called to "ascend 'a high mountain' in the company of Jesus". To read the full message visit <https://tinyurl.com/54hztmke>

We are currently doing a key audit of the parish hall keys. We would be very grateful if you have a key, please contact the parish office to confirm that you have a key in your possession.

An interesting series on 'Formed' for Lent, The Wild Goose by Fr Dave Pivonka. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-wild-goose-trailer>

We require more volunteer collectors at the Sunday 6.00pm Mass, if you are able to assist please see me after Mass or contact the Parish Office. *May God bless you, Fr Joseph.*

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Andre Levi Child of Nathan & Melissa, Bjorn Guiao Child of Hans & Rose, Mila Briski Child of Karlo & Andrea, Zach Mallapre Child of Jefry & Eloisa, Addison Bednarz Child of Michael & Kristin

RCIA CATECHUMENS will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9.00am Mass today. Please continue to pray for Christine & Ben as they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St Agatha's Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome!

LENTE PROGRAM BOOKS a few books are available to purchase from the Piety Stall \$10 each.

LENTE PROGRAM if you are interested in joining a Lenten Program, please contact the parish office on 59961985.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE: As a gift to Pope Francis, we could offer our prayers for his ministry by praying the Hail Mary and lighting the virtual candle through the online prayer initiative launched by the digital synod. They will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' representing the Hail Marys that were prayed for him. Here is the link to offer your prayers.

<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

MOTHERS WHO PRAY: "Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish? We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!"

VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP will be praying in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. This is part of the worldwide forty days prayer vigil during Lent. Praying to end abortion. Tuesday the 27th of February to the 3rd April. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER: New Altar Servers rosters have been emailed this week. If Servers are filling in, please place your name on the roster available in the Altar Servers room.

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTER: A new roster has been emailed during the week. Copies are available in the Church foyer.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and current WWCC.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: If you would like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN 2nd March 9.15am & 12:15am, 7th March 9:15am. 12:15pm & 5:30pm, 21st March 9:15am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm and 23rd March 9:15am & 12:15pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please contact Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour. For more information please contact St Agatha's Primary School or visit www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au

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: Making a spiritual plan for lent

<https://watch.formed.org/carousel/videos/whole-40-making-a-spiritual-plan-for-lent>

ST AGATHA'S PRAYER GROUP: Monday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus? Come journey with us this lent. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. Contact Jacinta on 0426973026.

ST THERESA'S COMMUNITY HUB - TERM 1 Tuesday Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years from 9:15am-10:45am Starting on the 7th February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9th February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10th of February. You may attend any or all of the programs.

Free Adult Educational Courses also available on offer – Information session at St Therese's Primary school on Friday 3rd March at 2pm. Please contact plloyd@sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 5996 7525 if you'd like to attend.

FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE:

Fr. Joseph Abutu will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 30th April to 13th May 2023. This pilgrimage organised by Magi Pilgrimages will feature Jordan, the Dead Sea, Petra, Mt Nebo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Mt Tabor, Jericho, and Jerusalem. This Pilgrimage costs inclusive flights, accommodation in 4-star hotels, and meals. Mass will be celebrated daily at various holy sites. More than 85% of the intended Pilgrims have made their deposits. However, if you wish to join the group, please make your reservation by 20th March 2023. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend: Date – 21st March 2023

Venue – Teacher's Centre, Sion House, Warragul, from 9am to 3pm. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15th March 2023 to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au or 56226678.

LENTE JOURNEY 2023 VIA ZOOM: You are invited to gather & engage with others focusing on prayer, discussion and fellowship via Zoom. Over the next six weeks, we will journey, reflecting on the Scriptures we will hear from the Sunday Gospels. They call us to consider our baptismal call and our response to that call as we head towards the great feast of Easter. We will be using a Lenten Companion called Spirit and Truth, The Power of Christ Revealed, issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. If you can partake in only some of the sessions, your attendance is always welcome. For further details or enquiries, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale on 5152 2942. When: Monday 20th February, 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March. Time: 8 pm – 9 pm To receive a link: email Michelle at stm.michelleg@gmail.com

PALMS AUSTRALIA MISSION: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire about potential assignments. 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

BUS DRIVER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre are seeking a bus driver (12 Seater Automatic Toyota Hiace Van) to do school runs morning and afternoon, hold a current Victorian Driver's License and a Volunteer Working with Children's Check. For more information, please contact Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre on (03) 5996 9056 or email admin@merindapark.com.au

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Led by Fr Francis Otobo. Saturday 4th March 10.00am Mass at St Michael's Traralgon following in the hall. BYO lunch all Welcome!

TAIZE PRAYER Monday 27th February 2023 7pm-8pm at St John's Catholic Church, 20 Coral St, Frankston