



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
23rd February 2020

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

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

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Sue 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

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, 12.00noon, 5.00pm & 7.30pm
2.15pm St Agatha's School Church
9.15am St Therese's School Hall

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

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, Congratulations to all our parishioners as we celebrate St Agatha's Feast Day in honour of our patron saint. St. Agatha pray for us!

Today we will officially farewell Fr Antony and thank him for his wonderful work in our parish. We pray for Fr Antony and wish him all the best in his new parishes of Yarram and Foster.

We congratulate Sr Mary and pray for her as she celebrates 30 years of profession as a Sister of the Nativity.

We thank Fr Francis for his assistance during his short time in the parish and we wish him all the best at Bairnsdale parish.

Our new Assistant Priest Fr Stanly arrives this Tuesday, we welcome him to our parish.

We will launch our new parish website this weekend, I encourage you check out its new information and features.

Thank you to all the parishioners who are supporting the Church extension appeal by using the Tap n Go donation machines in the Church foyer. God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Maninoa Ulugia, child of Julie, Amelia Rimmer, child of James & Erin and Ellie Hanna, child of Luke & Erica.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend.

PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP: 4th March at 5.00pm & 7.00pm and 5th March at 7.00pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Ash Wednesday Masses to support the parish.

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY: Today we honour St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, during the 10.45am Mass followed by a procession of the St. Agatha statue to the school hall. ***This year we urge everyone to bring their own reusable cup and plate and cutlery for the feast day luncheon.***

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: This Wednesday 26th February 9.30am, 2.15pm St Agatha's whole school Mass, 5.00pm & 7.30pm in the Church and at 9.15am at St Therese's School hall. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14th year are obliged to Abstain from meat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place this Friday 28th February at 7.00pm in the Church.

NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we will walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins Sunday, 1st March 2020 at St Agatha's Parish Hall from 7.15pm. Cost \$55.00 including Workbook and Paperback book. Limited books have been ordered. For more information contact Parish Office on 03 5995 1985.

CATHOLIC CARE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP: If you attended this workshop last year, please collect your certificate from the parish office.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONVERSATION: Bishop Patrick invites Parishioners to join in a Lenten Conversation at The Abbey, Raymond Island on Friday 21st February 2020 from 10.00am till 3.30pm. Cost \$20 per person for catering, to RSVP contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au For details see notice board in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to join Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 10.45am Mass as catechists. The role of the catechist is to help children to understand the Sunday Gospel and thus to learn about God and Jesus. We do this by reading and discussing the Gospel through prayers and activities. Materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS WORKSHOP: If you would like to become a Lector or Extraordinary Ministers a training session will be held Thursday 19th March after the 7.30pm Mass. For more information contact Sr Faustina.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Guest speaker Sharon Boyd from ACU has been invited to come and speak to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick on the 4th April at 10.30am till 12.30pm in the parish hall. Please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.

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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 Every week, Formed highlight different content.

This week: **Confession the forgotten Sacrament**
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/confession-forgotten-sacrament>

LENTEN PRAYER PROGRAM 2020 – GRACE: This booklet contains everyday prayer from 26th February to 12th April. The gathering begins on 2nd March each Monday during lent from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Providence House. To receive the booklet on GRACE and to attend the Lenten Program please contact Ruth on 0477 800 161 before 26th February.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions of the month of February: **23rd For those born in February.**

CAR RAFFLE: 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6th June 2020.

MENALIVE WEEKEND: March 14th & 15th at St Thomas Apostle, Clyde. For enquiries stthomasmengroup@gmail.com Charles on 0411 867 291 or Jamie on 0431 622 155

SVDP is seeking a Secretary for its Conference. The person would need to be proficient in use of Microsoft Office, be able to take minutes and do some correspondence. Orientation would be provided. If you can help us please phone Mary on 5996 1758.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: Sunday 1st March at St Mary's Cathedral Sale. Bishop Pat will meet with catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams at Chapter House at 1.30pm. Rite of Election Ceremony at 3.00pm. Followed by afternoon tea. Please bring some food to share. **Parish Singers & Musicians Wanted:** If you would like to sing in the Choir please register by contacting Sophy Morley at the Diocesan Pastoral Office 03 5622 6677 (leave a message) or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Music packs will be emailed out to you or given to you on the day.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: All volunteers must have attended one Child Safe Training session. If you were unable to attend the Child Safe Training session at St Agatha's parish. Please register online at <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>. For OLHC Narre Warren Thursday 12th March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14th March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21st March 10am-12.30pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: An International not for profit organisation, this began in 2004 in Bryan-Texas USA, founded by David Bereit. Since it's beginning this peaceful prayer vigil that spans the 40 days of Lent praying to end abortion has had some great results. 40 Days is running in 64 nations throughout the world and since 2007 has SAVED 16,742 lives from Abortion, 106 Abortion centres have closed and 196 Abortion workers have Quit.

VOICE FOR LIFE: Please join us as we pray in the Chapel after mass on Tuesday's during Lent. Since Melbourne no longer has the 40 days Vigil, we will pray to support all fellow prolife 40 days vigils.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE: Lenten Retreat by Father Elio Capra sdb, who loves to share his passion for Christ. He is renowned for his welcoming and engaging style, using music, art and laughter to inspire and revitalise his audience. St Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North on Saturday 7th March at 10am for sign in for and morning tea. Cost: \$10.00 per person. To register contact Christine: 5998 0947 or email parish@stthomasap.org.au.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director? Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March at St John's Anglican Church Cranbourne. Zimbabwe theme, if you would like to join the planning committee please contact Diane on 0409 435 769.

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC? Presented by Fr Paul Turner on Monday 16th March: 7.30 pm at St Patrick's, Pakenham. All welcome. See flyer on the notice board for more details.

YOUTH CORNER: If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. All Welcome!



The Recently Deceased: Jason David, Matt Broeren

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Lina Gregoria Procida, Francesco Bruno, Gaetana Papa, Arunanthu Emmanuel, Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Martin Van den Broek

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 Secretaries 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 – 1st Sunday of Lent Yr A: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

| 22/23 Feb Rosters | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | Welcomers |
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| Sat Vigil | Children' Choir | T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes | J Bourke |
| 7.30am | K Luxford | M Soni, D Krella, L Jean Louis | L Adikari |
| 9.00am | G Spierings | G Nelson, P Joseph, J Seeborun, L Ahsio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho | T Adams |
| 10.45am | E Lupeamanu | M Robinson, R Weinman, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro, S Lucas, A Ortencio | N Moore |
| 6.00pm | M Lutu | T Treacy, J Connell, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, Y Prasetyo | M Maroney |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | | A Mastroianni, F Dickie | |
| CHURCH COUNTERS | | P & R Afaese, Gillian Caballero, T Kamba | |
| CHURCH CLEANERS | 24-29 Feb | J & M Laufou | |
| 29/1 March Rosters | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | Welcomers |
| Sat Vigil | L Lim | C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt | C D'Lima |
| 7.30am | R Trevisan | L & S Jean Louis, A Quintal | K Martini |
| 9.00am | P Joseph | T Dam, M & A Dam, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer | D Bobetic |
| 10.45am | A D'Mello | J Thomas, N Atulia, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, P Schreurs, L & C Clark, C Tyminski | L & C Clark |
| 6.00pm | J MacDonald | A Antony, T Hummel, J Seeborun, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy | |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | | S Lucas | |
| CHURCH COUNTERS | | A Antony, D Krella, T Maharaga | |
| CHURCH CLEANERS | 2-7 March | L Nasalio | |

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: Leo 5995 6813

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426973026.

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 Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & 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: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. 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: 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses 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.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: `Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

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 is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are: or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything

human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: `You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. `You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this Way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dis-honest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour

Welcome to St Agatha's Parish! 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 you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner forms are located on the Welcome stand or go to our website to register at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>