



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
22nd 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

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 Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:
Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985
Email: 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: 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 - 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

PARISH NEWS

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 11th 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 before 9th 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 29th 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

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

<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 28th August. Parents, to request an enrolment form for your child please contact: 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/

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 23rd 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 21st Aug to 16th Sept. Booking, payment and further information: 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 If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**