



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B
28th April 2024

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]

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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 Antony Rebelo

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Prabhu Antony

Sisters of the Nativity: 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: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church & 7.00pm [Healing Mass]

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church & 7.00pm

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

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 after 9.30am Mass

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.

Dear Parishioners,

The Month of May dedicated to Mother Mary is a time of reverence and reflection. It offers an opportunity to honour her virtues, such as humility, love, and strength, while deepening our spiritual connection. Through prayers, devotions, and acts of kindness, we express gratitude for her intercession and guidance in our lives.

One particular practice characteristic of May devotions is the MAY ALTAR, whether in a church or as a "house altar" in the home. Marian devotions such as the rosary may take place within the family around this altar consisting of a table with a Marian picture, candles, and decorated with many May flowers. This specific devotion has been supported by several popes including [Pope Pius XII](#) in his encyclical [Ingruentium malorum](#): **I would like to invite you to share photos of your MAY ALTAR by emailing your pictures to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au. These photos will be uploaded to our parish website to promote our beautiful devotion and inspire others in our community. There will be special prayers to Mother Mary after every mass during this Month of May.**

BUILDING COMMITTEE

After consultation with the finance council, I am planning to form a Building Committee for our church. The primary purpose of this committee will be to oversee the future development and maintenance of our church building and its premises. The establishment of this committee is a significant step towards ensuring that our church remains a place of worship, community, and support, for generations to come. The committee will work closely with the finance council to prioritise and plan for any necessary renovations, repairs, or improvements to our church building. We are looking for parishioners with experience in architecture, construction, and other related fields. If you are interested in joining the Building Committee or know someone who would be a valuable addition, please contact the Parish Office or any of the finance council members.

Together, we can ensure that our church building remains a beacon of faith and hope for all who seek solace within its walls. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church community.

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study classes will begin from Sunday May 19th – July 14th, I strongly encourage you all to be a part of our Bible Study classes to deepen your understanding in your Faith Journey.

May God Bless you all.

Fr. Antony PP

CONFIRMATION: Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm in the Church. No need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is temporarily operating from Providence House during renovations. Staff can still be contacted by phone on 5996 1985 or visiting Providence House on the corner of 135 Sladen and Scott Street.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE – BIBLE STUDIES Join us on a transformative journey through the pages of Scripture as we delve deep into the heart of God's Word. Led by renowned teacher Jeff Cavins, this enlightening study will unlock the mysteries of the Bible, revealing its profound truths and timeless wisdom.

Dates: May 19th to July 14th **Time:** Every Sunday from 4:00 pm to 5:30pm **Venue:** Parish Hall. Discover the coherence of the Bible and its relevance to your life today. Whether you're new to Scripture or have studied it for years, this study promises to deepen your understanding and enrich your faith journey.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes at home, please bring them back ASAP or visit www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

RCIA MYSTAGOGIA MASS will be held on Saturday 11th May at 6.00pm at St Thomas the Apostle, 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. We encourage the newly Baptized and those received into full communion in the church to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families and Team members. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. Please RSVP the parish office on 5996 1985. Newly Baptized are invited to wear their sash. Refreshments after Mass, please bring a plate to share.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN Meetings held on Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Mother's, Grandmother's and Spiritual Mother's Welcome! Any inquiries please contact Mary – 0417 391 298. Follow us on Facebook – Mothers who Pray for their Children/International or Instagram. For more information go to: <http://motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com/>

VFL MEETING: Once a Month on Tuesday at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life.

ST VINNIES FOOD BIN: "Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time." If you'd like to help the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

FATIMA TO LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Mary and the Saints Pilgrimage from the Anniversary celebrations in Fatima, through Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes and Montserrat. Accompanied by Fr Denis O'Bryan Commencing Monday 10 September 2024, 10 nights, 11 days. Bookings and enquiries harvest Journeys 1800 819 156 or www.harvestjourneys.com/ms

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Sign up for one of 9 online sessions. Engaging Your Faith May 2024 Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

ACCOMMODATION: required for single mature female, practicing Catholic. Please contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING: All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy as follows:

1. To have a valid Working With Children Check certificate from the Department of Justice;
 2. To sign the current parish Code of Conduct every 3 years; and
 3. To undergo the diocesan Safeguarding Training annually (either on-line or in person whenever it is available).
- Should you have any difficulty in complying with any of the above requirements, kindly inform the parish office and we will assist you to do the necessary.

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.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP: 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732; SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188; ORANGE DOOR: 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham.



The Recently Deceased: Ranjith Perera

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Michael Harkins, Sebastiano Santo[1st], Evelyn Chatelier, Felix Weinman, Riccardo Bigoni, Rinato Bigoni, Norma Mills, Lily Pushpam Emmanuel, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Crispina Barroso, Patricia Silva, Sr Joyce Nongo SON, Fr Timothy O'Brien

Those who are sick: Otto Harris, Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Danielle Howe, John Larkin, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Benedict Thomas, Faith Lynch

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.

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 – Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

27 th & 28 th April 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, M Sutherland, B Evans
7.30am	M Lutu	T Heldt, M Vechoorettu
9.00am	R Gimeno	T Dam, M Dam, Y Prasetyo
10.45am	E Mandividza	R Dmello. Reanne Dmello, N Atulia, L Caballero
6.00pm	Volunteer	E Clinch, J MacDonald, A John
CHURCH COUNTERS		

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE



MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
1st Friday of the Month

“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

4 th & 5 th May 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	K Parrocho, C D'Lima, R Trevisan
7.30am	P Joseph	T Heldt, C Beloso
9.00am	L Adikari	C Gostimir, T Dam, G Nelson
10.45am	L Gillespie	M D'Costa, K Johnson, M Gambin, E Mandividza
6.00pm	R Gimeno	J D'Souza, R Howell, C Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		

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 Victoria 5996 1985
- MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:** Mon 7:30pm Parish Hall Contact: Mary Krotwaar 0417 391 298
- CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985
- 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: Epati 0432 410 480
- 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 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498
- YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
- AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 1st Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: 5996 1985
- VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com
- SANTO NINO:** Mass last Friday of the Month: 7.00pm. Enq: Tulip Ramirez 0431 211 115
- 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 the Parish Office: 5996 1985

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: 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 APP is available from '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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 28th APRIL 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he really was a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

SECOND READING

1John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's

presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread

