



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A
19th March 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 and 11:00am Funeral Mass

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

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church and 11:30am Funeral Mass

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, The Hours of Grace begins on 25th March for 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration until 1st April. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

At the 9.00am Mass today the RCIA Elect and Candidates will be participating in the Second Scrutiny. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

Bible Studies on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Beginning in Mid-May. For more information or expression of interest, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.com.au

A notice display board has been installed outside the Church entrance door to display information. We have a digital screen, notice board and parish website to relay information. Please do not place any advertising materials on the Church windows, doors, or table in the foyer. Please contact the parish office for more information.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Sienna Dowling Child of Lachlan & Jessica, Genesis & Gideon Sadya-as Children of Hermes & Janice, Keisha Chung Child of Victor & Anna, Elise Torquet Child of Clement & Leah.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Vince Foluena & Taiapo Ulugia on their Marriage.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION PARISH St Agatha's 28th March at 7.00pm, several Priests will be available. St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North 22nd March 7.00pm. 23rd March OLHC, Narre Warren. St Patrick's Pakenham, 7.00pm. St Michael's Berwick, 7.00pm.

FUNERAL MASSES will be celebrated for Camilla D'Monte on Tuesday 21st March 2023 & Connie McVicar on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at St Agatha's Parish

HOURS OF GRACE at St Agatha's from 10:00am on Saturday 25th March until 11:00am Saturday 1st April. Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings. Rosters are available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

PLAYGROUP has now resumed, every Tuesday's from 9:00am – 11:00am in the parish hall during school terms.

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.

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.

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: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/baptism-in-the-holy-spirit-fire>

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN: 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

ST THERESE'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.

DISCOVER WHAT ST PETER'S COLLEGE HAVE TO OFFER Join us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

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.

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

ARE YOU MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL? Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church. The contribution for each Mass can be paid directly from your estate (avoids costs being met by beneficiaries). This would be a real comfort knowing that Masses are being said regularly (say monthly) at the Catholic church of your choosing and all paid for from your estate. Remember to have a chat with your lawyer and he/she should be able to include this in the document when you are making or reviewing your Will.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER! The Fellowship Group @ St Agatha's Parish cordially invites you to "A Teaching Afternoon with Fr Joseph Abutu" on Sunday 26 March, the session will be held at the Parish Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Fr Joseph will give us his interesting reflections and thoughts for the 2023 Lenten season. We will have a Q&A after the talk to discuss various aspects of the session. Lent is an important period of reflection and growth for all of us. We use this time as an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of life as our preparation towards Easter. Fellowship snacks and catch up with friends after the session. Please be sure to register your names on our registration forms in the Church Foyer. God's Blessings!

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