



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
13th September 2026

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 Ajin Albarnas

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Faustina Ede &
Sr. Victoria Orinya

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mr Adam Dam

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Anita Hughes

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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 David Hansen

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 & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am & 12noon Funeral

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am & 2.30pm Regis Aged Care

Friday: 9.30am & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

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 Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by

Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

Adoration Chapel: Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.00pm Healing Mass followed by

Adoration till 9.00pm

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

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month,
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

A Word of Thanks

Dear parishioners, a very special **thank you to Mariella** for the beautiful handmade crosses and little prayer cards she prepared for our Father's Day celebration. It was a lovely and thoughtful gesture, and I am very grateful for the time, care and love she put into preparing these for our fathers and grandfathers.

I would also like to **personally apologise** to our parishioners for not having Morning Tea after the 10:45 am Mass on Father's Day. Unfortunately, there was a lack of communication with the parish groups who had been assigned to organise it. I am sincerely sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment this may have caused. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

I would also like to extend my **heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It was wonderful to celebrate Mama Mary's birthday together as a parish family. A special thank you to all those who generously contributed towards the birthday cakes. Your kindness and generosity helped make the celebration a joyful and memorable occasion.

Thank you for being such a wonderful and generous parish community. **May God bless you and your families, and may Mama Mary continue to watch over us and our parish.**

ST AGATHA'S PARISH HALL FOR HIRE: Our Parish Hall is available for hire to parishioners for family functions, celebrations, meetings and gatherings. 🏡 **Parish events and activities have first preference** for hall bookings. Your rental fees also directly support our parish church renovations and maintenance. For enquiries about **availability, hire rates and conditions**, please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Fr Antony, Parish Priest

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Callum Philbert, child of Steve & Abigail, Nedaya Aidoo, child of Nii Coppoe & Nicolette, Arih Macamay, child of Numeriano II & Nina and Kamila Dell, child of Corey & Klara.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Divine Mercy will be hosting a sausage sizzle today after 10.45am Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elvis and Carolyn Moore on celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

FUNERAL MASS will be celebrated for Carmel Falzon [Charlie] this Tuesday 15th September 2026 11.30am Viewing, 12noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass.

HANDBAG FOUND: Please contact the parish office if you left your handbag in the Church?

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AI, FAITH & WHAT IT MEANS FOR BE HUMAN: The youth are hosting a talk regarding *Pope Leo's encyclical Magnificat Humanitas*, with special guest Cruz Ignatius of Catholic Mission, on Thursday, 24th of September. Parish Hall registration at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Presentation. A Catholic Perspective for our time. **All Welcome!**

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY: Bishop Greg Bennet will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 27th September at Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. 1.30pm. Cultural attire. Bring a plate of food to share! Register your details on the clipboard in the foyer, food sign up and flag sign up.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026: Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria. Saturday 10th October 2026. Meet at 1pm Treasury Gardens (Corner Spring St & Wellington Pde) Please wear pink or blue, for information see the flyer on the Church notice board.

MOTHER WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN: Invite you to honour the feast day of Our Lady of La Salette Saturday 19th September at 9.30am Mass follow by morning tea at St Agatha's Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR APOLOGIES: The Holy Spirit hour will not be held in September. Future dates to be advised.

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Plaques for Memorial Garden. If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, still birth, sids or other and wish to order a plaque for the wall in the memorial garden. Please contact the parish office before the 30th September 2026 so the plaques will be ready for the **Mass of the Angels on Friday 20th November.**

HEALING MASS & PRAYERS: Fr Rojan George & Fr John Jose Vettiyanal will be celebrating a healing Mass & prayers at St Agatha's on Tuesday 29th September from 6.30pm.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL: Faith in Action, change start with you. St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High Street, Berwick. Ages 13 to 30. Saturday 21st November. Scan QR on the poster to register.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA: Are you worried about the cost of housing, people struggling to find a safe and secure home, and people who are experience homelessness in your area? You can play a part in our community campaign to express your concern and ask the Government to commit to building more social housing.

If you would like to support this cause, please sign one of the postcards and place it in the collection box. The cards will be delivered to local Victorian Member of Parliament.

NEPAL FLOODS: Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal

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.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR CENT NIGHT! Cent Night is a wonderful evening of family, community, fun and fundraising, and we are already preparing for our next Cent Night in October! We are asking our generous parish community if anyone has NEW items they would be willing to donate, preferably boxed or unused, to be used as prizes on the night. Cent Night is not only a great opportunity for our parish family to come together and enjoy a fun evening, but it is also an important fundraiser for our church.

This year, we are raising funds towards some very important projects — our church renovation and carpark. These are significant projects for our parish, and every contribution helps us move closer to achieving them. If you have any new items that you would be happy to donate, big or small, please leave them at the Parish Office. Your generosity and support will make a real difference and help us continue to care for and improve our parish facilities for our whole community. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and continued support. Together, we can make a difference! **CENT NIGHT Saturday 24th October at St Agatha's School Hall.** More information to follow

DIGITAL KEY: If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately. If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

SEASON OF CREATION: Care for Our Common Home. Join us online to better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth—our common home—in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility. Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans (Parish Priest at St Patrick's, Pakenham) Wednesday, 16th September 2026. 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Venue: Online. Registration: tinyurl.com/4tx834yp



JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Diocesan Pilgrimage: Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. This pilgrimage is a sacred journey – not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only Church in the diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. **Schedule of Events Friday, October 2nd 6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale).** A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word transitus is Latin for "passing over" or "transition." It commemorates St Francis' passage from earthly life into eternal life with God. **Saturday, October 3rd 8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale) 12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)** Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese. **Blessing of Pets** (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra) - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass! **Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle** (Benambra Footyclub) - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share. **3:00 PM – Conclusion** (Immaculate Conception, Omeo). Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure. Location Information St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale. St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra. Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo. **The parish has contacted a bus company for a return trip on the 3rd October leaving the Church at 5.45am for \$90pp.** Please write your name on the clipboard in the foyer or contact the parish office ASAP.

www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MINISTRY(SRM) invites you to book a reading time and be part of the 90 Hours, Non-Stop, Full Bible Reading, starting on Thursday 24th September, from 10.00am at OLHC Parish Narre Warren. Contact: Frenco on 0413519863 or see the flyer in the foyer for more details.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Engaging Your Faith online Presentations in October 2026. From \$25 per session. For more information: www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL: bishop Greg Bennet will lead the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to **World Youth Day in Seoul**, South Korea (2027). Open to young people **aged 16 (as of 01/01/2027) to 35 years:** youth leaders,



young teachers, parish and school leaders and Clergy. The tentative pricing per pilgrim is **\$6000-\$7000**. This is inclusive of the registration fee, accommodation and travel. **Expressions of interest are currently open and can be completed at this link:** <https://forms.gle/xwabD2HuVe9jgnp77>, or scan the QR code

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 Officer is Anita Hughes [Wednesday] contact 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: Carmel Falzon [Charlie], Matthew Waring

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Gilbert Canal, Michael Gomes, Patricia Paul, Clive & Noreen Sneyd, Elaine & Alfie Roberts, Noreen & Collin D'Brass, Perla Rabaya, Gracia Rabya Sr, Editha & Eulogio Cabanero, Carmela & Concetta Sottile, Antonia Orfano, John Vella, Mrs Pedit, Anthony Durrows, Vincenzo & Angela Barca, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Basil Menezes, Hank Reefman, Edith Rodrigues, Anthony Fernandes, Abraham Thomas, John Andrade, Abraham Thomas, Linus Johnson, George Kartheyedathu, Anna George, Fr Andrew Wise 1st, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Fr Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a, Dominic Mammone

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 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24,27 Mt 20:1-6

12 th & 13 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Sutherland	M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim, M Parrocho	
7.30am	R Beloso	P Joseph, L Joseph	P Joseph
9.00am	C Gostimir	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Periera	C Gostimir
10.45am	R Gimeno	D Dsouza, T Nyerenyere, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	A Kumarasin	J La'Brooy, C Joseph	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, R Estrada, T Heldt, J La Brooy, V Moore, A Soman	

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

MASS FOR THE UNBORN
– 9.30am Mass

1st Friday of the Month

“ Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace, the greatest destroyer of love”

St Mother Teresa



19 th & 20 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	T Ramirez	R Clarke, B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan	
7.30am	H De Costa	R Beloso, T Heldt	L Joseph
9.00am	E Mandividza	C Gostimir, K Auvale, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, D Dsouza, M Krotwaar	S Spaul
10.45am	Youth Group	S Lucas, A Hughes, M D'Costa, MG Sombilon, J Raudino, L Sombilon, volunteer	R Lupeamanu
6.00pm	J La'Brooy	E Clinch, B D'Souza	
CHURCH COUNTERS		R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues	

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PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

RCIA: [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries Parish Office: 5996 1985

RCIC: For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism.

Sr Victoria 5996 1985

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:

Mon 6:30pm Parish Hall during school terms.

Contact: Rosalie 0435 949 006 or

Lorie 0400 346 029

CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at

4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries:

Sr. Victoria 5996 1985

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weekdays after

morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday 6.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq:

Tuna Fuimaono 0499 333 996

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135

Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only.

Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927

YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]

Meet 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to

3.00pm after 10.45am

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th Friday of the

month at 7.00pm. Enq: Anthony 0492 908 539 or

Parish Office 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; Meeting 6.00pm

CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND: For Family &

Relationship Counselling phone 1800 123 338 or

1800 522 076 for appointments.

GODSTART: Post-Baptism follow-up Program.

For further information contact the Parish Office:

5996 1985

LEGION OF MARY: Enquiries: Joseph Pasala

0466 803 491

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: Meeting 2nd & 3rd Thursday

of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm Enquiries: Charles

& Beth Fivaz

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

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:

Upcoming Meetings!

Sun 20/09, 12:30pm - Invigorate youth (12+)

Fri 25/09, 7:00pm - Invictus youth (18+)

Fri 09/10, 8:00pm - STAY Adoration

YOUTH GROUPS

INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]

Meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Mass.

INVICTUS [Age 18+]:

Meet 4th Friday of the month 7pm

Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony - 0492908539

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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.



<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>

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>

24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 13TH September 2026

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour... ..

