



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
6th October 2019

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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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

Sisters of the Nativity:

Sr. Mary Olofu, Sr. Faustina Ede &
Sr Victoria Orinya ☎ 5996 1985

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

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Principal: Mr Terry Cahill

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

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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

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, We welcome Sr Faustina and parents and children returning from their holiday break. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary so I wish to encourage all parishioners to pray the Rosary and for families to pray the rosary together daily.

This week I continue to highlight some points from our Parish Mission, and focus on the second night's topic on **TRUST**. Fr Jim spoke of the gospel reading of the woman at the well where Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water, but the question is who is really thirsty? It is not Jesus who is thirsty, but the woman.

We are all like the woman at the well, we all thirst. We thirst for love, for mercy, for understanding, for justice and peace. We can at times feel spiritually dry and face the desert and thirst, but like the woman looking for water she finds her life transformed by Jesus Christ. An encounter with Jesus changes everything. Conversion is not a one-time event, it is a journey of a lifetime. Conversion is part of what it means to be a Catholic, a Christian.

God doesn't come to us in the lightning and major bangs, he comes always in the quiet, in the small. God provides, if you Trust. So how do you Trust?

Time, in order to trust in God, spend time with God in prayer, every day reading the Word of God.

Relationship, when you spend time praying, you form a relationship with God not only by talking, but listening to God.

Understanding, a lot of people don't trust in God and disappointed in God. God never promised everything we want, God promised us everything we need.

Surrender, to let go, to realize that you are not in control, all of us make mistakes and all of us fall, we have to get to confession, reconcile ourselves and move on.

Try, trying to do your best, make the effort.

If your bible is in good shape at your house, you aren't.

As Catholics you've got to know the Word of God.

God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN GOD: Nina Borg, child of Steven & Lisa and Akira Pereira, child of Adrian & Alicia.

HEALING MASS this Sunday at 6.00pm, led by Fr. Antony. The Healing Mass is on the first Sunday of each month.

BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES invite all parishioners to join us for the Nation-Wide Rosary next Saturday 12th October 2019 after the 9.30am Mass, beginning at 10.30am on the Presbytery lawn, Sladen Street, followed by morning tea in the Church foyer. For more info contact Lorraine on 5996 8771.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST OR LECTOR? A training session will be held on Thursday 24th October after the 7.30pm Mass in the **Church** for those wishing to join this ministry or for those wishing to have a refresher course.

PRAYER RETREAT DAY: All are invited to come and hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the theme "The Power of the Rosary" on Wednesday 23rd October beginning with Mass at 9.30am and concluding at 3.30pm in the church. Includes Eucharistic Adoration, reflections & Cenacle Rosary Confession. BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. All Welcome!

SHOEBOXES: "Operation Christmas Child shoebox for a child in need". If you collected a shoebox, please choose gifts for a boy or girl age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Fill the shoebox with simple gifts, include something from each of the 6 categories mentioned on the instruction brochure. Complete the label and place **\$10 for postage and handling** inside the box, do not seal the box. Shoeboxes **must be returned before the 19th & 20th October to the Parish Office or Church Sacristy.**

"GOD IS GLORIFIED WHEN MEN ARE FULLY ALIVE": St Agatha's Parish is proud to present the inauguration group for ALL men 18+. We all go through the same troubles and joys so why not be a blessing to each other as men! November 16th -17th at St Agatha's Parish from 9.30am Mass, reflection, prayer, games, confession, talks, BBQ and smiles. Wives allow your husbands to also have fun too!! To register online go to <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events>

MASS OF THE ANGELS: For those who have lost a child in infancy, stillbirth or miscarriage. The Mass will be celebrated on November 29th at 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to order a plaque for the memorial garden wall please contact Maria 0409 563 864 or the parish office, before the 11th of October.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES: Please come and be a witness for life. Stand up for the unborn babies that can't speak for themselves. Saturday the 12th of October 2019 at the Treasury Gardens cnr Spring Street and Wellington Parade Melbourne at 1.00pm.

LITURGY GROUP: Meeting has been rescheduled for at 15th October at 7.30pm in Providence House.

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VIGIL MASS FOR ALL SAINTS: This special children's Mass, beginning with Rosary, will be celebrated on 31st October at 7.30pm for "All Hallows" – "Halloween", a day to honour all saints in heaven. Children are invited to come along dressed as their favourite Saint. Parents need to register their child/children at the parish office and get instructions, as we have special plans. Followed by a cuppa after Mass, please bring a plate to share after Mass in the foyer. All Welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT DAY: All Altar servers are invited to attend a Retreat day on Saturday 26th October beginning with Mass at 9.30am followed activities in the Parish Hall/Church till 3.30pm. Christmas party invitations will be distributed at the Retreat.

CHURCH FLOWERS: We are in need of donations to purchase flowers each week for the church. If you would like to make a donation please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" in the second collection. We wish to thank those who regularly support this ministry with donations.

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT: Join us for a fun filled 'Cent Night'. 100's of prizes to be won! Friday 8th November at 7.00pm, St Agatha's School Hall, Entry by gold coin donation. BYO nibbles and drinks. To book a table phone Parish Office on 5996 1985.

FR DENIS O'BRYAN: Parishioners are invited to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Denis O'Bryan on Sunday 27th October with Mass at 10.45am at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde. Followed by lunch in the Lower Room of St Peter's College. RSVP Christine Salu on 5998 0947 or parish@stthomas.org.au by 11th Oct.

PLENARY 2020 TRAINING SESSIONS: The next phase of our journey to the Plenary Council 2020. The Listening & Discernment stage 2019-2020 commences with training, All Animators are expected to attend training. It is highly desirable that Parish Plenary Teams, pastoral councils and school leadership teams participate. 2-hour session, including formation about the 6 National Themes for Discernment, modelling a Listening & Discernment session with participants. Participants will be receiving Plenary 2020 resource packs. Dates **Tuesday 15th October 7.30pm to 9.30pm Marian Room, St Joseph's Parish, Warragul.** For more info see flyer on notice board or contact Mrs Sophy Morley on 5622 667 or 0413 590 007 email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS: 14 Nov – 7 Dec 2020: Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories and Greece and option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM. Info Session: Saturday 19 October 2019: 2.00pm to 4.00pm. RSVP & further info: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: On the 18th of October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more info and for prayer resources visit <https://millionkidspraying.org/en/>

THANK YOU FROM YOLANDA SHEDDEN: My grateful thanks and appreciation to the people of my parish for their prayers, visits, greeting cards, phone calls, flowers and communion during the weeks of my grievous illness. By the grace of God through your caring I am well on the way to recovery. Thank you again. Yolanda Shedden.

YOUTH CORNER ARE YOU IN YEAR 7 –YEAR 12? Would you like to join our Junior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 12-14 or our Senior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 15-17? For more information please contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.



The Recently Deceased: Eacita Dela Cruz, Jesumary.

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:
Alice Abarquez, Phillip Davies, Maria Bastian, Sebastian, Anton Krizman, Florence & Duggie Ferrier, Rita Perera, Floretta Naccarella, Alyssa Singayan, Remedios & Eden Sangrones, Rosy Preca, Daisy Neo, MA Paul, Mathew Kuruvilla, Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O'Leary

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinvia, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Yolanda Shedden, Olivia Newton John

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 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C: 2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

PARISH ROSTERS

Sat Vigil	7.30am	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	Sat Vigil	7.30am	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm
Lectors – 5/6 October					Lectors – 12/13 October				
L Lim	R Trevisan	S Borsodi	R D'Mello	T Hummel	M Garcia	A Quintal	G Nelson	E Lupeamanu	M Lutu
Extraordinary Ministers – 5/6 October					Extraordinary Ministers 12/13 October				
T Heldt	L Jean Louis	D Barker	R D'Mello	B Evans	A Hughes	D Krella	S Borsodi	M Gambin	L Booth
L Lim	S Jean Louis	F Guimmarra	R D'Mello	C Joseph	C D'Lima	L Adikari	G Raudino	E Mandizvidza	R Lupeamanu
T DePradines	A Quintal	G Spierings	P Schreurs	S Ganesh	T Heldt	A Quintal	R Spierings	T Macharaga	E Abraham
K Jolley		G Nelson	R Holsinger	R Weinman	K Jolley		M Parrocho	K Johnson	V Prasetyo
R Trevisan		P Joseph	L Tyminski	T Treacy	R Weinman		T Dam	T Nyerenyere	A Antony
P Hunt		A Malia Ulu	C Tyminski	J Connell	Volunteer		M Dam	A Antony	J Seeborun
Volunteer		L Ah Sio	T Lupeamanu	C James	Volunteer		A Dam	R Beloso	T Hummel
			L Fosio					M Robinson	
Mass Welcomers – 5/6 October					Mass Welcomers 12/13 October				
B Harris	L Adikari	J Balmer	D Deri	M Moroney	J Bourke	K Martini	L Nasalio	M Iverach	Volunteer
E Hill		D Bobetic	R Afaese		C D'Lima		L Samuelu		
Church Cleaners for the week 7th – 12th Oct: Abraham Family					Church cleaners for the week 14th – 19th October: L Caballero S Joseph L Clark				
Church Counters 5/6 October: M D'Lima, R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues					Church Counters 12/13 October: K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello				
Childrens Liturgy 6th October: School Holidays					Children's Liturgy 13th October: B D'Costa & C Poliquit				

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, Wed 7.30pm Providence . Ph: John 0448343074
- 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
- INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP:** Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. 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

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

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 your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen: to cry 'oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. 'See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord: hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2Timothy 1: 6-8.13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17: 5-19

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?" Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death



Catechism Theme: Faith

162. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith." To live, grow, and persevere in faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity" abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

Adapting an old adage: "Faith is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift to God." All things, even the seeds of faith, those moments that invite us to a relationship with God, are freely given. The question remains, how do we respond to God's call?

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