



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A
30th April 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]

☎ **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 Administrator: Rev. Fr Peter Kooloos

Residing Priest: Rev. Fr Paul Zaher

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 & Live Streamed

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

Thursday: 9:30am & 7:00pm - In the Church

Friday: 9:30am & 11:30am Funeral Mass

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.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Kianna Oraya Child of Gregory & Jannine, Noah Samson Child of Rolando & Belenda, Destinee Aricayos Child of Dante & Marianne, Arliah Howard Child of Daniel & Rebecca, Sierra Dyson Child of Ross & Stephanie, Sonny-ray Hau Kautai Child of Robert & Emily.

YOUTH WYD: To help their fundraising efforts they will also be running a \$5 money board. Numbers can be purchased after Mass.

The Youth will be holding a bake sale on Mother's Day, Sunday 14th May to support the WYD fundraising.

COME AND SEE: BISHOP GREG INVITES YOUNG MEN (+18YRS) of our Parishes of the Diocese of Sale to come to St Mary's Cathedral on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30th, 2.30pm – 4pm, especially those who may have a call from God to life as a priest, or to simply meet Bishop Greg and other priests. It will be an opportunity to meet those living the priestly life, to pray with them and ask questions.

CONFIRMATION: Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 3rd May & Wednesday 10th May at 7.00pm in the Church. Parents need to attend only One session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

RE CLASSES resumed this week at 4.00pm in the parish hall for children attending non- Catholic schools.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES may be given on the 2nd collection plate over the next coming weeks. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION boxes and envelopes can still be returned. If you have requested a tax receipt, they will be emailed to you in the coming weeks. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Parish Hall. Resumes Tuesday 2nd May. All Welcome!

WYD FUNDRAISING DANCE: Due to popular demand St Agatha's will be hosting a second fundraising dance on the 1st July 2023 at 6.30pm St Peter's College Hall. Please mark this date in your diary, ticket on sale soon. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or scan the QR code on the notice board outside the Church door.

CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" Thank you.

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY OPEN DAY TOURS Enrolments are now open for May 16th 12pm & 5:30pm, May 17th 9:30am & 12pm, May 23rd 12pm & 5:30pm and June 7th 12pm & 5:30pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please call Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour.

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: The Wild Goose

<https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka>

BIBLE STUDIES 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. Starting 28th May 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm. For more information or to register contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, MELBOURNE LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE VC 1st Thursday of the month commencing on 4th May 2023 please join us at St Agatha's Parish for 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Praise & Worship, 7:15pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Healing Prayers. For more Information – Ramesh & Bernie 0433 549 167 /0425717556 /0466631130 or email vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions. Engaging Your Faith – May 2023. Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

MYSTERY AND MISSION – THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION: Calling all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, and campus ministers. The 2023 National Conference will be held in Brisbane on September 28-30. Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or www.palms.org.au

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: Bishop James Chan, Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataeliga, Sebastian Santos

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fr Timothy O'Brien, Fr James Martin, Dean James Hegarty, Felix Weinman, Oscar Rabot, Aileen & Tony Decouto, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Diana Winifred Thomas, Lilly Liveiro, Crispina Barroso, Camille D'Monte, Ricardo Bogoni, Renato Bigoni, Sr Joyce Nongo SON, Hansley Perrine, Celestine Jayasinghe

Those who are sick: Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Cynthia Leonard, Hercules Pillay, Kevin Hart, Max King, Philip Sgroi, Tony & Gerda Small, Catherine & Norman Hall

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 Secretary 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 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7 1 Pet 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

29 th & 30 th April 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	R Trevisan, P Hunt, L Lim
7.30am	P Joseph	T Heldt, L Louis
9.00am	J Gunn	S Spaul, A Dam, J Kelly
10.45am	N Atulia	C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas
6.00pm	A Ulu	A Ulu, E Abraham, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		A & R Simmons, L Noronha

6 th & 7 th May 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	R Sutherland, M Parrocho, D Grace
7.30am	T Heldt	M Vechoorettu, M Sutherland
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	S Spaul, I Lemalu, P Joseph
10.45am	M D'Costa	R & R D'Mello, N Atulia
6.00pm	E Abraham	A John, J D'Souza, I Lemalu
CHURCH COUNTERS		P Afaese, R Afaese, A Ulu

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE VOICE FOR LIFE

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
 1st Friday of the Month
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm
 1st Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel

“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*

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 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498
- YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
- AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 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 Sr Mary 5996 1985
- PLAYGROUPE:** Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

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

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

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>

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 30TH APRIL 2023

FIRST READING

ACTS 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected

by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death... ..