



St Agatha's Parish



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year C
30th March 2025**

T. 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

mail: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

or 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

Parish Safeguarding Officer: John Kelly ☎
5996 1985

mail: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala
☎ 5996 1985

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 North

☎ 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

Tuesday: 9:30am

Wednesday: 9:30am

Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 7.30pm

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: Entry via a FOB key, 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.

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, The Parish Hall and Adoration Chapel will be converting to a digital locking system after Easter. In preparation for the changeover, if you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. We will be asking for a deposit of \$15 per FOB. For those who have access keys to the parish hall please contact the parish office to arrange for a replacement FOB. Once the new system is installed, please return the key to be replaced with a FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required.

In the month of May, St Agatha's parish will be celebrating and praying for families for the Jubilee of Hope.

On Sunday 4th May we will be celebrating Grandparents. Grandparents are invited to email a photo of themselves to be included in at photo presentation to the parishoffice@stagathas.org.au Please do not include children in the image. Stay tuned for more to come.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words, prayers, cards and gifts for my birthday.

Fr. Antony Rebelo

SHALOM WORLD: Will be showing a movie filmed and telecasted Australia's one and only Saint St. Mary MacKillop's life story on Saturday 29th March after 6.00pm Mass in the Church.

PARISH CENSUS: A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census Cards, Privacy Envelopes and pencils will be distributed on arrival at each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU to everyone for making Fr Denis' 70th B'day a memorable one. A special thanks to our volunteers & parishioners from both St Thomas & St Agatha for your warm wishes, gifts & food. It wouldn't have been the same without you and your love.

FIRST COMMUNION: Information Session and Parent Workshop: Wednesday 23rd April at 7.00pm or 30th April at 7.00pm. Parents need to attend only One session (no need to bring your child). Note that this night will be a combined Information Night and Parent workshop. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

URGENT APPEAL: HELP SHEELA JOSEPH FIGHT LEUKEMIA:

One of our parishioners, Sheela Joseph, is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia and urgently needs a stem cell transplant to survive. We are calling on all parishioners and friends to help by joining the stem cell registry through blood donation. Lifeblood is seeking individuals aged 18-35 years of Indian descent, who are eligible to donate blood or plasma, to book an appointment and join the stem cell registry when donating. How You Can Help: Book your blood donation appointment at www.lifeblood.com.au Or call 13 14 95 for more information. Join the stem cell registry when donating. Your support could make all the difference in Sheela's fight for life. Please consider donating today.

HOURS OF GRACE (5th April to 12th April) This is a special time for 24 hours of perpetual adoration in the Blessed Sacrament during this Lent season. I am pleased to invite you to spend one hour in adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. During this hour, we take the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and seek His guidance and wisdom. I encourage you to join us for this beautiful experience of adoration. Your presence and prayerfulness will make it all the more meaningful. Please write your name down on the list in the church Foyer.

BIBLE STUDIES: Two-hour bible study session focused on the last seven days of Jesus. Sunday 13th April at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. To register contact the parish office.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION: (11th April) as we are coming closer to the celebration of Holy Week. I invite you to celebrate the parish Lenten Reconciliation on 11th April at 7pm in the church. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's mercy and grace. Please note that there will be no other Reconciliation services during the same week or Holy Week in our parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

Extraordinary ministers are required to be up to date with distribution of both species. Thursday 3rd April from 7.00pm in the Church.

CHOIR: The Organ choir are looking for new members if you wish to join them sing at 9.00am Mass on the 1st & (5th once in three months) Sunday please contact parish office on 5996 1985

ALTAR SERVERS: Fr Prabhu will be visiting families of the Altar servers for the Jubilee Year. He will make contact to arrange a suitable time.

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND SCRUTINY AT 9.00am MASS THIS WEEKEND: Readings at 9.00am will be taken from Year A. 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.

JUBILEE 2025 – PEOPLE OF HOPE: Within our Diocese the diocese of Sale will celebrate Jubilee of Volunteers. At Lakes Entrance Saturday 29th March at 5.00pm.

JUBILEE OF HOPE: Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? As part of St Agatha's celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite parishioners celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary to contact the parish office with their details before the end of April. A special Mass will be celebrated in May for these special milestones.

DIVINE KIDS Sunday Bible Class 10.00am in the parish hall.

LENTEN RETREAT: A 2-day Retreat for Children and Teens (ages 5 - 15), March 29 and 30, 2025. Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton, VIC. For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

PROJECT COMPASSION: This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR Code. Thank you



PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY: Do you have suitable Palm tree branches home and are you able to assist in supplying the parish with palms branches for decorating the Church for Palm Sunday? Please contact Sr Victoria at the Parish Office on 5996 1985

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.

ROSTERS FOR PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL NARRATORS:

6.00pm: R Trevisan, M Parrocho

7.30am: R Beloso, T Heldt

9.00am: J Gunn, C Gostimir

10.45am: A D'Mello, M Thomas

6.00pm: L Piedad, M-D'Costa

The SERVANT COMMUNITY of St. Patrick's Church, Pakenham invites you to book tickets for the movie **THE GREAT WARNING** at Village Cinemas, Fountain Gate on 3rd April 2025 at 7pm. This movie could change your life eternally! <https://fan-force.com/screenings/the-great-warning-village-cinemas-fountain-gate-3/> "This is a very impactful film... This film also makes the case, very convincingly, that there is a communal or 'collective illumination of conscience'... 'We know not the day nor the hour.' This film will help you be prepared." **Bishop David Ricken** Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. For more information: **The Great Warning Movie – Belladream Films** Contact Rochelle Pereira for any help 0401017752

SAFEGUARDING: All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy. Please check the current status of your WWC, if your card has expired you cannot participate in any voluntary capacity. Until your card has been renewed. If you require any clarification, please contact John Kelly on 5996 1985. The parish secretaries are more than happy to assist you to renew your card or help you access the online training at the parish office.

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.

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: This training is an immediate need for physical & spiritual health of our parishioners old and new. Changes will take effect from Holy Thursday and

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



The Recently Deceased:

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Alphous Lazar, Aileen & Tony Decouto, Margaret & Horace D'Rosario, Ray & Pat Duke, Herbert & Otelia Concesso, Edward, Shirley & Karen Moore, Archie Merandez, Clarence Rebeiro, Gustavo Klein, Ferdinand Payet, Lina Gregoria Procida,

Those who are sick: Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Helen Rosevear, Margaret Beadle, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona & Hazlett Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs, Veronica Iudice, Margaret Cincotta, Isa'ako Elise, Maureen Fitzgerald, Ainsley Clarke, Mary Joan Williams, Carol Adikari, Gerrian Hillary Williams, Aiden Niggly, Denzil Moreira, Maria Nathan, Auxillia Johnson, Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kim Suarez, Greer Kelly- Lum Lock

*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 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

29 th & 30 th March 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Parrocho	M Cincotta, R Clarke, K Parrocho
7.30am	R Beloso	R Beloso, P Joseph
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	C Gostimir, R Papiernik, K Auvalé
10.45am	R D'Mello	R Samson, L Cotacte, M Sombilon, J Raudino
6.00pm	R Howell	E Clinch, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Noronha, T Trevisan, Z Zavarko

5 th & 6 th April 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim
7.30am	R Beloso	L Joseph, T Heldt
9.00am	T Dam	T Dam, S Spaul, M Dam
10.45am	Reanne D'Mello	A Ulu, R D'Mello, C Tyminski
6.00pm	D Hughes	I Lemalu, C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		P Afaese, R Afaese, & Volunteer

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

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS

Invictus (18+) youth meeting: Every 1st Sunday of the month. 12-2 in the parish hall

Invigorate (12+) youth meeting: Good Friday Service Practice - Sun 16th March 12pm - 2:30pm, Parish Hall. Come along to help lead the 3pm Service on Good Friday. We need lectors, collectors, ushers and more! Lunch provided!

Every 3rd Sunday of the month. 12-2:30 in the parish hall **ALPHA** 19th May

Good Friday Stations Practice - Every Friday after the Stations of the Cross.

Adoration - April 11th, 8pm - 9pm, Church. (Our scheduled March adoration has been cancelled due to Lenten Stations of the Cross)

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

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: Anetelea Fosio 0403 429 509

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

INVICTUS [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

LEGION OF MARY: Enquiries: Pracena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

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



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 30TH MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the

property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread