



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Second Sunday of Lent
Year A
8th March 2020**

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Stanly Devasia

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Mary Olofu,
Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya
Sr. Julie Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Sue Ryan & Tina Dam

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mr Terry Cahill

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

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, during the week the Bishop's office issued the following advice regarding the 'Coronavirus' as a preventative measure. If you are unwell you should not come to Mass, you can honour your Sunday obligation by participating in time of prayer within your home, reading scripture or watching Mass on the television or go to our website for the link of our Livestreamed Mass.

Holy Water stoups have been temporarily removed. Holy water is still available from the crying room in the foyer for people to take home. Holy Communion will not be distributed from the Chalice until further notice.

At the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands, but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.

All ministers of Holy Communion should take care to wash their hands before and after distributing.

Parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on their hands.

This advice should be considered alongside the local and national health guidance including from the Commonwealth Department of Health.

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert> God bless you, Fr Joseph.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed this Monday for the Labour day public holiday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place this Friday at 7.30pm in the Church.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: All volunteers must have attended one Child Safe Training session. If you were unable to attend the Child Safe Training session at St Agatha's parish. Please register online at <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>.

For OLHC Narre Warren Thursday 12th March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14th March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21st March 10am-12.30pm.

CATHOLIC CARE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP: If you attended this workshop last year, please collect your certificate from the parish office.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS WORKSHOP: If you would like to become a Lector or Extraordinary Ministers a training session will be held Thursday 19th March after the 7.30pm Mass.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Guest speaker Sharon Boyd from ACU has been invited to come and speak to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick on the 4th April at 10.30am till 12.30pm in the parish hall. Please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

HOURS OF GRACE: 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration will begin on Saturday 28th March to 4th April. Please register your name in a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer. Timesheets are on the table in the foyer of the Church.

SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions of the month of March: 12th

Thanksgiving for parish benefactors 19th For those recently bereaved, 26th For those born in March.

CAR RAFFLE: 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6th June 2020.

SVDP is seeking a Secretary for its Conference. The person would need to be proficient in use of Microsoft Office, be able to take minutes and do some correspondence. Orientation would be provided. If you can help us please phone Mary on 5996 1758.

MENALIVE WEEKEND: March 14th & 15th at St Thomas Apostle, Clyde. For enquiries stthomasmengroup@gmail.com Charles on 0411 867 291 or Jamie on 0431 622 155.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director? Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

VOICE FOR LIFE: Please join us as we pray in the Chapel after mass on Tuesday's during Lent. Since Melbourne no longer has the 40 days Vigil, we will pray to support all fellow prolife 40 days vigils.

OLHC LENTEN MISSION: Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ will be conducting a Lenten Mission at OLHC in Narre Warren This Mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christians in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live our lives of faith more deeply. **Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April 2020.** Session times 10am to 11.15am and REPEATED at 7.30pm to 8.45pm. For more information please read the flyer on the notice board. Cost free

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code.

2QKKNB Every week, Formed highlight different content.

This week: Forgiven – For children how to make a great confession.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/for-children-how-to-make-a-great-confession>

ABUSE AND FAITH: Has your faith been affected by the revelations of historical sexual abuse within the church? Are you affected by current or recent events related to this? If so you may wish to attend an open conversation around this, with Arda Tymensen, an experienced family counsellor, as facilitator. Where? The Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul. When? Thursday 26th March at 7.30 pm. The evening is being sponsored and offered by the Cyrenian Group of Warragul and Drouin, which offers listening and support to people suffering because of abuse. For further information ring 5623 1642 or Warragul@cdsale.org.au and ask for Joan or Fr Peter.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE STUDENTS are holding two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles over the next 2 weekends. Cranbourne Campus Staff & Students will be at Cranbourne Bunnings on Saturday 14 March Clyde North Campus Staff & Students will be at Clyde North Bunnings on Saturday 21 March.

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC? Presented by Fr Paul Turner on Monday 16th March: 7.30 pm at St Patrick's, Pakenham. All welcome. See flyer on the notice board for more details.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Apply now for 2021 & 2022 next scheduled Tour on Friday 13th March at 9.30am & Sunday 22nd March at 10am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

CATHOLIC MISSION THANK YOU: Your support of this year's Ghana Appeal enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$3,076.70** which was raised by **St Agatha's** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, children living with disability in Ghana look forward with hope as new educational and vocational opportunities open up to them.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: *Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich...* All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. Go to www.palms.org.au or talk to Roger on 0422472567

Aid to the church in need: Invites you during the season of Lent to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

Tuesday 7th April 7.30pm Tenebrae

Wednesday 8th April Mass 9.30am

Wednesday 8th April 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation [Several Priest available]

Holy Thursday 9th April No morning Mass

❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

❖ Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday 10th April Morning Prayer 8.00am

❖ Stations of the Cross 10.30am [School Oval]

❖ Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm:** 2 venues:

❖ **St. Agatha's Church**, Parish Hall & St Agatha's School Hall

❖ **St. Peter's College Hall** - Cranbourne West

Holy Saturday 11th April No morning Mass or Holy Hour

❖ Easter Vigil 7.00pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

Easter Sunday 12th April

❖ Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday 19th April 3.00pm with Bishop Patrick

Anzac Day Saturday 25th April 9.30am Mass

YOUTH CORNER: We encourage all our Youth members to participate actively in the Lenten program. We all attend the Stations of the Cross and meet straight in the Parish Hall for 30minutes. On First Fridays of Lent, the Meeting is after the evening Mass. I look forward to seeing all of you. Sr Mary Olofu. If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. All Welcome!



The Recently Deceased: Carlos Santin, Rogelio Lasala, Aida Noronha, Frances Powell

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Roy O'Callaghan, Maria & Gino Vesco, Pierangelo & Antonio Gava, Margaret D'Rozario, Aileen Decouto, Charles & Isabelle Brown, Peter Ainsworth, Anthony & Maria Bastian, Broton Rodrigo & Francis Fernando, Joyce, Elizabeth & Dennis Desa, Patrick & Daphne Joachim, Olga & Sigbert Alves

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Martin Van den Broek

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr A: Ex 17:3-7; 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

7/8 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	T de Pradines	M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines	T Jolley
7.30am	P Condina	D Krella, L Adikari, volunteer	R Macapagal
9.00am	A Ah Sui	A Malia Ulu, D Barker, F Giummarra, G Spierings, G Nelson, S Borsodi, P Joseph	P & T Dam
10.45am	E Mandividza	L Tyminski, R Holsinger, L Fosio, M Gambin, E Mandividza, T Macharaga, K Johnson, T Nyereneyere	P & O Schreurs
6.00pm	C James	J Connell, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, A Antony	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Sr Victoria, F Dickie	
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J & M Laufou	
CHURCH CLEANERS	9-14 March	Atulia Family	
14/15 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	D Marie	K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter	R Estrada
7.30am	B Vechoorettu	P Martin, D Krella, M Soni	Volunteer
9.00am	H Guerra	J Seeborun, Volunteer, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, T Dam, A Dam	L Nasalio
10.45am	Youth Members	T Lupeamanu, R D'Mello, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale	D Deri
6.00pm	E Abraham	T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, R Weinman, T Treacy, J Connell	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		A Mastroianni, Sr Victoria	
CHURCH COUNTERS		D Green, A Estrada, R Estrada	
CHURCH CLEANERS	16-21 March	F Lorenzin, J Staines, R & K Weinman	

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.
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
YOUTH GROUP INVIGORATE Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & AGAPE [Age 18+]: Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. 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

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

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses are Live Streamed, for those parishioners who are home bound and unable to attend Mass. <https://www.youtube.com/StAgathasParishCranbourne>



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



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PARISH APP: The parish has an APP that is available from the 'APP STORE' and the '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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.



"Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..

Questions People Ask:

Q. Why did Jesus tell the three apostles to tell nobody about the transfiguration until after his resurrection? Surely it would have helped people to believe if they heard of this vision.
A. Maybe it would have generated excitement about setting Jesus up as a political, revolutionary leader, which would contradict his chosen way of humble service. The glory of the resurrection lay in the future, only after Jesus, the Suffering Servant, had gone through his passion and death. The message for us is that our hope of heavenly glory does not eliminate the struggles and crosses of this life. Yet this hope enables us to keep going. *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

Welcome to St Agatha's Parish! 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 you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner forms are located on the Welcome stand or go to our website to register at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>