



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Second Sunday of Advent
Year A
4th December 2022

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 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 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

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

Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

Monday: 9:30am

Tuesday: 9:30am

Wednesday: 9:30am & 1:30pm Funeral Mass

Thursday: 8:00am & 7:00pm

Friday: 9:30am

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 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 Hall. [Information Session Bookings may be made through the
parish website or by visiting the parish office]

Marriages

6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMETABLE

Advent Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 20th December 7.00pm Several Priest available
No Reconciliation: Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd December
Christmas Eve: 6.00pm – Family Mass, 8.00pm, 10.00pm & Midnight Mass (carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am **"NO EVENING MASS"**
New Year's Eve: 6.00pm and 11.00pm
New Year's Day: 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am **"NO EVENING MASS"**



Dear Parishioners, in preparation for Christmas due to the large numbers attending Masses, we need volunteers to help with different tasks. If you are able to help please place your name and number on the clipboard in the foyer. Our parish feast day will be celebrated on the 12th February 2023 in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary as a parish at the 10.45am Mass, followed by our cultural luncheon at St Agatha's School Hall. Clipboards will be available next weekend.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: St Agatha's Parish 20th Dec at 7.00pm. Reconciliation will not be celebrated before Christmas on the **23rd and 24th December** and will resume on the 13th January 2023.

13th Dec St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, 14th Dec St Michaels, Berwick, 15th Dec St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde, 21st Dec St Patricks, Pakenham, 22nd Dec Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Elena Lumbes-Ng Child of Ian & Pauline, Sienna Alessandrino Child of Alfio & Shantelle, Amy Clements Child of Jeremy & Kristyn, Margaret Jardeleza Child of Christopher & Jena

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Invitations have been emailed, please complete the consent form and return to the parish office as your RSVP.

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH: Christmas Party today Sunday 4th December Parish Hall 12noon to 3.00pm.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS: Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend 10th & 11th December. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: The parish office will be closed from 22nd December and reopens on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE: Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Michael Manuel, at 7.00pm Mass Friday 16th December 2022 at St Michaels Berwick. RSVP by Monday 12th December 2022 via the Trybooking App using the link for the Ordination Mass www.trybooking.com/991137 and if attending the fellowship and refreshments after the Ordination Mass please use the link www.trybooking.com/991145

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL: Our Conference will again be distributing Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children 0-14 years of age. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them in the baskets on the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

FLOOD EMERGENCY IN VICTORIA: SVDP have been conducting a Flood Appeal which you may wish to support. You may wish to consider taking up a leaving collection or if appropriate, offer the opportunity for parishioners to donate via the SVDP online portal. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

WORLD YOUTH DAY- 2023: For more than 30years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. The major events of World Youth Day include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you are interested, and know more about the pilgrimage, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha's parish hall, Cranbourne (129 Sladen Street) on 12th December at 7pm. You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on avinash.george@cdsale.org.au or 03 59971510.

USED BIBLES: Do you have any Bibles that you are no longer using. A parishioner is helping a charity in Fiji "Missionary Families of Christ" that is

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: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2>

donating bibles to the catholic poor and to jail inmates who want to read the word of God. If you can donate a Bible, please leave it at the Parish Office.

CANTEEN MANAGER - ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY (Commencing 2023)

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the part-time, ongoing position, Monday and Wednesday 9:00AM - 2:30PM (FTE 0.27) of Canteen Manager to commence 30th January 2023. This is a Category B Level 2 position under the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited Schools and Secretariat Agreement 2022. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children. Please contact the school office for the detailed position description.

The successful applicant will be subject to a Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check. How to apply: Applicants are invited to email a cover letter and updated resume with three referees to the Office Manager – Janine Scrivener via jscrivener@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE DIOCESAN DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER: (Part Time 4 Days per fortnight) The Diocese of Sale is seeking to appoint an experienced Digital Media Officer on a part time basis of 4 days per fortnight (0.4 FTE) to assist with the continued development of our Diocese's social media presence and website. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager.

Key responsibilities will include sharing the good news from within our Diocese and from outside sources by way of social media and our websites through periodic new stories; ensuring our website is up to date and easy to access; co-ordinating video messages from our Bishop; and networking and collaborating with our parishes, Catholic Education and other agencies in respect of the Diocese's digital content management.

The appointee is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale. A high level of professionalism, initiative and superior communication skills are required in this key role. Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant information is available. Please email hr@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH,

DANDENONG NORTH: Event display: Monday 5th Dec 2022 to Friday, 13 January 2023. St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes all to come over to view the traditional nativity scene. This event is open to everyone. FREE and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parent. Viewing time: After mass times and any other time by appointments only (Visitors take prior appointments to view the display). Contacts: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office)

<http://www.australiannativityscene.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia