



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
30th August 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to visitors
and staff are working remotely from home:
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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 Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs 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

Live Streamed

Saturday 6.00pm & 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

Monday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Tuesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Wednesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Reconciliation/Confession

Suspended until further notice

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

Adoration Chapel: Closed until further notice.

Healing Mass Suspended

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass

Mass for the Unborn: 1st Friday of the Month

9.30am - Live Streamed

Holy Hour for the Unborn

Baptisms (Suspended)

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, Today is Social Justice Sunday, the Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement, which focuses on mental health in Australia today - To Live Life to the Full. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues and make mental health a priority.

If you would like to read the Social Justice Statement 2020 please go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Pope Francis announced from this year onwards, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is to be celebrated on the last Sunday in September. Due to the restrictions the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Sunday will most likely be Live Streamed, more details will follow in the coming weeks.

An invitation will be emailed out to all Altar Servers during the week to join us for a ZOOM meeting this Saturday at 11.30am.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

STANDING TOGETHER TO SEE THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: Join the virtual Prayer session Sunday 30th August at 2.00pm. A symbolic act of lighting a candle to come together on the final two days of winter to pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Victorians are invited to light a candle in the darkness as a symbol of hope on Monday at 7.00pm. For more info go to <https://www.facebook.com/viccouncilchurches>

SPECIAL COLLECTION: FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE 6th SEPTEMBER 2020: This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting eleven priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. Donations can now be made by clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> The foundation is most grateful and appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in these difficult times. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF CREATION? Pope John Paul II in the month of September we are asked to focus on God's creation and our care for it. We are reminded again of Pope Francis' teaching in *Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home)*. Pope Francis states that the Season of Creation is a "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home." There are various websites and resources to support Catholic communities in celebrating this important time in communion with our Christian brothers and sisters.

The Season starts on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

<https://www.columban.org.au/>
<https://seasonofcreation.org/2019/09/02/pope-francis-on-the-season-of-creation/>

RESOURCES FOR MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY CHALLENGING TIMES: Go to our website or follow this link <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events/570-resources-for-mental-health/file.html>

GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION SPECIAL COLLECTION: This year, due to the closure of churches during Holy Week and the cancellation of the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, Pope Francis has rescheduled this collection to the **weekend of Sunday September 13th 2020.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR LITURGY is promoting a new free public lecture "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics" to be given via Zoom on Monday, 12 October 2020 11.30am by Sr. Prof. Julia Upton, RSM, Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University (NY). Registration to "attend" can be done here.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE PROGRAM, 2020:



First Holy Communion online program expression of interest/enrolment form is available via link in our bulletin below or through our website.

This online Program will commence in Term 4 Week 1 through videos.

RSVP expression/enrolment form due by 1st September.

Prayer Booklet and Video Lesson links will be sent to families after enrolment.

This program is available to Candidates in Grade 4, 5 and 6 who have not received First Holy Communion.

Please Note: Children who have already been prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year awaiting ceremony will be permitted to complete two Sacraments this year.

Ceremony dates for First Holy Communion is subject to Covid-19 restrictions and will not occur all at the same time. Hence, we may possibly run over 12 months to accommodate few numbers in the church at a time.

All Year 3, 2020 Reconciliation candidates will need to wait until 2021 to participate in the preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Families are encouraged to direct questions to Parish Office either by email or phone. Sr. Mary, Sacramental Coordinator will correspond with you.

If you wish to register your child please follow the link: <https://forms.gle/a8sQKezXaUx1vmQHA>

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT: An inquiry night will be held online for those who may be considering becoming Catholic or for Adult Baptised Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation more details to follow. For more info please contact Tina at Parish Office on 5996 1985.

Formed

*Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Go to our parish website at <https://www.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. **Formed: The Footprints of God, The Salvation Story***

ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL LEADER? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or Tel 03 9890 1101.

PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT BENNET: Please continue to pray for Bishop-elect Bennet as he makes preparations for his episcopal ordination on 20th October. Diocesan prayer is available on our website <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Is available in the parish, please contact Ruth on 0477 800 161 for more information.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin via the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985, **Diocesan Professional Standards Officer:** 03 5614 5140. If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**