



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
16th February 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 Ogbole [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: 9.00am

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, we raised \$7850.45 from the bush fire appeal and have transferred it to those assisting them, once again we thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Saturday 22nd February CatholicCare will be conducting a training session for all parish volunteers at 10.00am in the Church. **It is compulsory to attend a training, if you have not previously attended.** Please register online or place your name on the clipboard. If you are unable to attend this session at St Agatha's please check the bulletin for training dates in nearby parishes.

Due to the large number of children attending RE classes on Wednesday after school, we are in need of volunteers especially retired primary school teachers. God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Koa Boag-Hahn & Jax boag-Galbraith, children of Brooke, Jacob Clark, child of George & Julie, Aston & Jameson Kirkwood, children of Shanon & Ann-Marie, Robin Cuevas, child of Rey & Desserie.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend.

PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP: 4th March at 5.00pm & 7.00pm and 5th March at 7.00pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Fr Antony's farewell gift.

FAREWELL CARD: Parishioners are invited to sign Fr Antony's card in the table on the foyer of the Church.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: Meet this Thursday at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH FEAST DAY: The Feast Day of our Patron, St Agatha will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd February during the 10.45am Mass, followed by a procession of the St Agatha' statue from the Church to the school hall. We will officially thank and farewell Fr Antony for his time at St Agatha's. A lunch will be held to celebrate the Cultural groups that make up our Parish Community. We encourage parishioners to bring a food from their country to share at the celebration. **Parishioners are invited to print a copy of your national flag on an A4 size page, with your name and country on the back. If you have a national flag please bring it to the 10.45am Mass for the procession into the Church on the 23rd.** Please write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer. We invite children to come dressed in white or their First Communion outfits so that they can join in leading the procession to the Hall. **Plastic cups and plates may be single-use, but that does not mean it is easily disposable for our environment. This year we urge everyone to bring their own reusable cup and plate for the feast day luncheon.**

NO GREATER LOVE You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You. We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins Sunday, 1st March 2020 at St Agatha's Parish Hall from 7.15pm. Cost \$55.00 including Workbook and Paperback book. Limited books have been ordered. For more information or to register, contact Parish Office on 03 5995 1985.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONVERSATION: Bishop Patrick invites Parishioners to join in a Lenten Conversation at The Abbey, Raymond Island on Friday 21st February 2020 from 10.00am till 3.30pm. Cost \$20 per person for catering, to RSVP contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au For details see notice board in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to join Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 10.45am Mass as catechists. The role of the catechist is to help children to understand the Sunday Gospel and thus to learn about God and Jesus. We do this by reading and discussing the Gospel through prayers and activities. Materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A guest speaker has been invited to come and speak to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick on the 4th April 2020 10.30am till 12.30pm in the parish hall.

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.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Parishioners can start returning their blessed palms/ greenery from last year's Palm Sunday, so they can be burnt and will be used for Ash Wednesday.

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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: Brother Francis, The Blessings of Confession

<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/forgiven-the-blessings-of-confession>

TRUSTING GROUP: The Trusting Group gathers fortnightly, on 17th February at 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in Providence House. All Welcome!

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 February: **16th For Couples praying to have a child, & 23rd For those born in February.**

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.

MENALIVE WEEKEND: March 14th & 15th at St Thomas Apostle, Clyde. **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.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: An invitation is extended to all parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Sunday 1st March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. 1.30 pm Bishop Pat warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House before the Rite of Election at 3.00 pm. Followed by afternoon tea. Please bring some food to share. **Parish Singers & Musicians Wanted:** We will be forming a Diocesan Choir to lead the singing for this beautiful ceremony. Most of the music will be familiar to parishes. Interested singers are asked to register their interest by contacting Sophy Morley at the Diocesan Pastoral Office 03 5622 6677 (leave a message) or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Music packs will be emailed out to you or given to you on the day.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: A training session for St Agatha's parish will be conducted on **Saturday 22nd February 2020 at 10am till 12.30pm in the Church.** All volunteers must have attended one session. Register online at: <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>. **If you are unable to attend this session attend at:** 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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March at St John's Anglican Church Cranbourne. Zimbabwe theme, if you would like to join the planning committee please contact Diane on 0409 435 769.

POSITION VACANT: Our Lady Help of Christians is seeking to employ a new Parish Business Manager. Part time position, 15 hours to be worked across four days per week. Contact the OLHC parish office for a position description. Applications close Wednesday 19th February.

THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT: 16th to 19th March, Fr Frank Moloney SDB will lead this retreat on the Gospels of Holy Week and Easter at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further info and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or e-mail: dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

AUTISM SPECTRUM: Daniel Giles O.A.M. and his father Daryl Giles will be presenting "From Diagnosis to O.A.M. A Personal Autism Journey" in Rosebud, Seaford and Pakenham. For educators, carers parents and family members. Rosebud Wednesday 11th March @ 7pm www.trybooking.com/BICEM Seaford Thursday 12th March @ 1:00 pm & 7pm www.trybooking.com/BICEQ Pakenham Friday 13th March @ 1:00pm www.trybooking.com/BICET

YOUTH CORNER: Meet today Sunday 16th Feb after 10.45am Mass an afternoon of fun, games, food & activities. 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 first L.A.M.P youth event for this year will be held at OLHC Parish, Narre Warren on Saturday 22nd Feb from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdteWigStdFIFjywBr56SqP9QktK8MwUqHHLnohsjuoKx-kDw/viewform>



The Recently Deceased: Beth Key, Pino Colletti, Jane Ashcroft, Lisa Desa

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Thressia George, Gaby Michael, Fr Dayanad, Phillippe, Maud & Raymonde Armansin, Tony Mhando, Maxcy D'Souza, Raymond Soans, Clancy Carr, Don & Marjorie McGregor, Olga Alves, Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik S Chr, Fr Joseph O'Hagan.

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

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.

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 - 7 th Sunday Yr A: Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48			
15/16 Feb Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	M Garcia	K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter	M Van Gunster
7.30am	P Martin	M Soni, L Adikari, A Quintal	A & A Quintal
9.00am	G Nelson	R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer, A Malia Ulu, D Barker, F Giummarra, G Spierings	J Balmer
10.45am	Youth Members	T Macharaga, K Johnson, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, T Nyerenyere, R D'Mello, A Antony, R Beloso	M Iverach
6.00pm	T Hummel	R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Sr Victoria, F Dickie	
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Besterwitch, R or K Weinman, T Saldanha	
CHURCH CLEANERS	17-22 Feb	Sale & Leotina Ah Sio, K Auvale, A & P Williams	
22/23 Feb Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	Children' Choir	T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes	J Bourke
7.30am	K Luxford	M Soni, D Krella, L Jean Louis	L Adikari
9.00am	G Spierings	G Nelson, P Joseph, J Seeborun, L Ahsio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho	T Adams
10.45am	E Lupeamanu	M Robinson, R Weinman, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro, S Lucas, A Ortencio	N Moore
6.00pm	M Lutu	T Treacy, J Connell, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, Y Prasetyo	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		A Mastroianni, F Dickie	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & R Afaese, Gillian Caballero, T Kamba	
CHURCH CLEANERS	24-29 Feb	J & M Laufou	

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>

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6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments; to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. ***R.***

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. ***R.***

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. ***R.***

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Corinthians 2: 6 -10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God pre-destined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for

the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

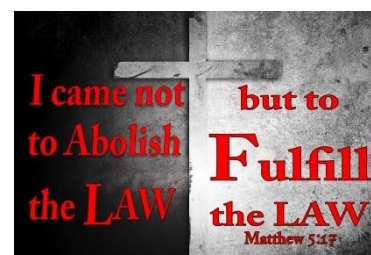
Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. "You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.' Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat the Bread... ..



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>