



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
7th September 2025

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 Antony Rebelo

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Prabhu Antony

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Faustina Ede &
Sr. Victoria Orinya

Parish Safeguarding Officer: John Kelly

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary:

Admin Assistant: Mr Adam Dam

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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

Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am & 11.30am Funeral

Wednesday: 9.30am, 10.30am Willow Wood Aged Care &
12 noon St Therese's school

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am & 7.00pm

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: Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: Closed, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via 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.

Happy Father's Day

Dear Parishioners

Today we thank our fathers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating Father's Day and by offering our fathers on the altar of God. Father's Day comes to remind us that whatever we are we owe to our loving father and our patient mother. For it is through them that you receive the greatest gift: The Gift of Human Birth! Let us offer this Sunday Eucharistic celebration for all the fathers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward.

Father's Day Blessing: Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, and give eternal rest to those fathers who have gone to receive their eternal reward through Christ our Lord. Amen.

September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mother Mary's birthday since at least the sixth century. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily". Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR MAMA MARY!!**

We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Nora Nonterah for her inspiring presentation on Discipleship, Leadership and Synodality last Thursday. Her insights and reflections have truly enriched our understanding and encouraged us to live out our faith with renewed commitment. A word of gratitude also to all who participated in the event and shared in this spirit-filled gathering.

Fr. Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Isla & Sophie Thorne, children of Scott & Jayde, Miguel Batica, child of Neil & Michelle and Lyla Moore, child of Evan & Simona.

WITH GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS - Farewell to Sr. Mercy Akoh – we give thanks for the time Sr Mercy has spent with us during her time here in the parish. We send her off with our prayers and blessings. As she prepares to return home on 14th September. May the Lord continue to always bless and guide you in all that lies ahead.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: A Special Collection will be taken up at all Mass this weekend for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on it will make it easy for you to make a donation. <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> 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.

Parish Office Assistant – St Agatha's Catholic Church Cranbourne

We are seeking a part-time Assistant (3 days per week, 8.30am–4.00pm) to support the administration and safeguarding functions of the parish office. The ideal candidate will be organised, computer-literate, and approachable, with strong administrative skills and knowledge of safeguarding practices.

Applications should be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au by **Monday 15 September**. A current Working With Children Check and referees are required.

MORNING TEA will be hosted next Sunday 14th September after the 10.45am Mass in place of the first Sunday of the Month.

We are looking for parish groups or individual families to host the morning tea after 10.45am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please write your name on the list next to the preferred month, thank you in cooperation.

ALTAR SERVERS COMMISSIONING New altar servers will be commissioned on Sunday 14th at 9am Mass. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office. 5996 1985

FUNERAL PRAYER SERVICE for Stanley Bligh will be celebrated on Tuesday 9th September at 11.30am

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & BIRYANI: St Agatha's Legion of Mary group will be hosting a sausage sizzle on **Sunday 14th September after 9.00am and 10.45am Mass**, to raise funds for the diocesan Jubilee of Hope event on Saturday 27th September. They will also be selling biryani after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday 14th September.

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE

is a global spiritual initiative encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary daily for peace, conversion, and the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. All St. Agatha's parishioners are welcome to participate in the Rosary Crusade, where parishioners host Our Lady's statue for a week. They pray the Crusade prayers daily, offering intercession for peace and conversion and personal intentions. After the week, the statue is returned at the 9: 30 AM Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Book here: [Rosary Crusade Booking Page](#) or via QR Code



A DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND SACRAMENT COORDINATORS:

Exploring ways to assist young people to grow in their faith through curiosity, creativity & connection. Saturday 20 September 10:00 am – 2:30 pm St Patrick's Parish Centre, 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham. For more information and registration, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/hVEJafYXnh>

MOVIE NIGHT: You are invited to join us for a Movie Night on Friday 12th September at (7:30pm) in the parish Hall. After Mass at 7:00pm. Voice for Life will be hosting the evening and showing "Something the Lord Made" - A breakthrough that changed the face of medicine. A partnership that broke the rules. Please register your attendance on the form in the Church foyer. Adoration is moved from the 12th to the 19th of September to accommodate movie night.

ST AGATHA'S GOLDEN OLDIES GROUP: The Golden Oldies Pray & Social Group will recommence on Tuesday 9/9/25 in Parish Hall. We welcome new members and promise you will enjoy your time with the group as we meet God in prayer and interesting programmes.

ADORATION CHAPEL: A few reminders when visiting the Adoration Chapel, please turn lights and heating off when you are the last person to leave. Do not open the door to anyone who knocks, authorised visitors should use their FOB. Please, do not remove books from the Chapel, they are there for use in the Chapel only. Thank you for your cooperation.

DIGITAL KEY: If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately. If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE The international pro-life campaign, 40 Days for Life, will be running in Melbourne this year from 24th September to 2nd November. To sign up or for more details, please go to 40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

Donations gratefully accepted and will go towards supporting local pregnancy support. 40 Days for Life Melbourne, BSB: 063 176 ACC: 11053337

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Plaques for Memorial Garden. If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, still birth, sids or other and wish to order a plaque for the wall in the memorial garden. Please contact the parish office before the 19th September 2025 so the plaques will be ready for the Mass of the Angels on the 14th November.

YOUTH Invictus youth is moved from the 7th September to the 14th September from 12.00pm – 3.00pm

JUBILEE 2025 – PEOPLE OF HOPE: Jubilee of Justice Sunday 7th September at 10.30am St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale. Celebrating with Bishop Greg, Fr Joseph & Fr Mark. RSVP for catering purposes 25th August on 5152 29242 or stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: Join the Parish of Meredith and Fr. Joseph on a spiritual journey tracing the Footsteps of St. Paul, from October 7th to 18th, 2025. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take us through sacred sites where St. Paul preached and ministered, deepening our connection to Scripture and faith. It will be a time of reflection, discovery, and renewal in the company. Please contact parish office: 03 5286 1230. Email: Meredith@cam.org.au

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code.



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 WWV, 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.

Our Safeguarding Officer is John Kelly contact the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**

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



The Recently Deceased: Salvatore Precia

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fr John McGirr, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Dionisio Illut, Paule Malin 1st, Maryse Coutet 1st, Matthew McEvoy, John Rodrigues, Joseph Crasto, Kenneth Paris, Clive Sneyd, Francesco Bruno, Vincenzo Papa, Merlin Thomas, David Willatgamuwa, Joseph Desmear, Cecil Solaman, Eona Venture, Ethel Reda Joachim, Odilia Schreurs, Clara Gresle, Patricia Paul, Thengapurackal R Varghese, Lucia Varghese, Caitlin Ross

Those who are sick: Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Margaret Beadle, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona & Hazlett Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs, Veronica Iudice, 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, Edsel Spink, Mario Ragoobur, Paul Lemalu, Geraldine Harris, Rob Garrett

*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 – The Triumph of the Cross

Numbers 21:4-9

Phil 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

6 th & 7 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	T Ramirez	C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland
7.30am	H De Costa	P & L Joseph, L Jean Louis
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	K Auvale, S Almeida, J Kelly, Yani Prasetyo, T, M & A Dam
10.45am	Reanne D'Mello	T Nyerenyere, R D'Mello, N Atulia, L Caballero, M Gambin, M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	L Piedad	C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J Bourke

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

13 th & 14 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	A Ah Sui	M Parrocho, R Clarke, K Parrocho, C D'Lima
7.30am	C Philip	M & D Lutu, M Natoli
9.00am	P Joseph	C Pereira, S Spaul, P & L Joseph, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir
10.45am	R Gimeno	C Noronha, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, A Ulu, J Raudino, L Sombilon
6.00pm	R Howell	E Clinch, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Noronha, T Trevisan, Z Zavarko

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS Upcoming Dates:

Invigorate Youth -

ALPHA Session run for all ages! ALPHA is a place where young people can learn more about their Christian faith, amongst their peers!

ACYF Melbourne (Grade 9 - Age 25) - Sunday 30th Nov - Tuesday 2nd December

All STAY activities are for ages 12 - 25 unless specified otherwise!

Follow us on Instagram! @stagathasyouthcranbourne

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 12-17] 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

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: Sunday 9.00am Mass, Masses 9.30am weekday 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>



STAY



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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

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

FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 9:10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the

chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death