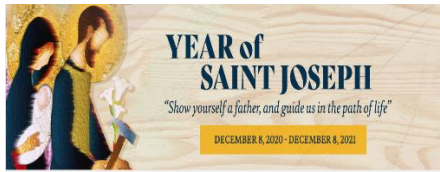




St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B
14th March 2021

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: Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday to 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 Ogbale [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

☎ 5996 1985

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

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

Monday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Tuesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Wednesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

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 Suspended

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 in the Adoration Chapel

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held First Sunday of the Month 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS, May I invite you to please join and support St Agatha's Voice for life Group. Voice for Life (VFL) is dedicated to building a culture where human life is valued and respected from conception to natural death. One where the dignity and wellbeing of every human being is prioritised and celebrated as a profound and wondrous good. The St Agatha's VFL has organized several events and activities in the parish including Mass of the angels, establishment and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, March for life, etc. If you wish to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life here in our parish, please contact Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864. May God bless you. Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Laklam, Margrietta, Ahlyah and Jarrad Ng Lam-Lokotui, Thomas Dingli, Lola Ward, Nicolas Casale and Nakoa Charles-Neri.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Spend "One hour with Jesus" (8am-9am) here in the church, Tuesday to Saturday every week. The adoration will conclude with morning prayer from the divine office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at Mass this Friday for the feast of St Joseph.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 16th March at 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall.

PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer on the way out to pray for them. Thank you

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 20th March to 27th March from 8.00am to 10.00pm every day. Extra evening Masses will be celebrated during this time on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. To spend some time with Jesus in prayer, please place your name on the sheets in the foyer.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father invites children in Grade 3 and above who have made their First Communion or who will be preparing for the Sacrament this year to come to a training session on Tuesday 16th March at 4.00pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS: Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses next weekend 20th & 21st March. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please give generously to this appeal. Donations can be made project boxes, envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up for the Holy Land Commissariat at the Good Friday 3.00pm ceremony.

ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS: Online Mass bookings for weekdays will not be necessary. For weekday Masses come and register your name and contact details on arrival. An exception will apply on special occasions online bookings will be necessary. **Weekend Mass bookings are still strictly by booking online** via the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Please arrive early to Mass as the Church will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

JUNIOR RCIA 2021: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Registrations now open. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND SCRUTINY AT THE 9.00AM MASS THIS WEEKEND: In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for First Communion in 2020. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985. Ceremonies held every weekend until August 2021.

Up to 5 Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm.

For family members and guests wishing to attend the ceremony online Mass attendance bookings are required, bookings can be made via our parish website. **Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.**

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parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: Stations of the Cross with Br Francis

<https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis-4-part-series/videos/brother-francis-the-stations-of-the-cross>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Registration forms are available via our parish website. Registration fee \$25 Classes Wednesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm **Grade 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the Parish Hall. Grade 3, 4 & 5 will be dropped off and picked up from the Church.** Any child not registered will not be allowed to stay for classes. Seven additional Catechists are needed to help, with RE Classes in term two. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Faustina.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you. Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of **three** attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

YOUTH CORNER: Invigorate Youth: Welcome back from your long Christmas holiday. Today Sunday 14th March is your day! We shall meet in the parish hall from 12noon to 2.00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Sr Mary 5996 1985.

LAUNCH OF THE YEAR ST JOSEPH: Bishop Greg Bennet warmly invites you to the Diocesan Launch of the Year of St Joseph and of the new Diocesan resource for families 'Let's Connect!'. Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of St Joseph 4.00 pm Friday 19th March 2021. St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Queen and Witton Sts, Warragul. Registrations essential: Trybooking www.trybooking.com/BPIJI

AN UPCOMING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - THE DIOCESAN SERVICE OF COMMUNION OF THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity. Looking forward with great excitement to catching up with you all (Fr Francis). Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows: Venue: St Ita, Drouin, Dates: Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit, Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit, Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg. Time: 10.30 am each day.

The other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/Parish levels. For parishes where there is no Prayer Group or leaders to facilitate the seminars, parishioners can choose to join with one of the following Parishes/Prayer Groups: St Michael Traralgon; St Mary Bairnsdale; St Ita Drouin; St Michael Berwick; St Agatha Cranbourne; St Patrick Pakenham; and, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Please contact the Parish Secretaries or Prayer Group leaders to know the meeting details. For other general enquiries please contact: John Duiker (Cranbourne, Diocesan Moderator); Anushka (Berwick, Diocesan Secretary), Julie Powell (Prayer Group leader, Warragul/Drouin), Fr Francis Otobo (Chaplain). "May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

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 Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted 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**



The Recently Deceased: Fr Tom O'Connell, Luisa Jakubicki-Puliafito, Madeloun Catequista Laguna [in Doha]

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Monica Muir, Albert Evangelista, Sale Ah Sio, Tony & Aileen DeCouto, Margaret D'Rosario, Joseph & Antoinette Angelo, Antoinette Gambin, Paul Stephen, David Fernando 1st, Theressia George, Kyle Dela Cruz, Jose Liveiro, Dagma De Silvia, Linus Johnson, Justina Norohna, Andres Luna, Mgr Dan McCartan, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Alexis Dunlop

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Brian Venville, Teresa & Mario Marinelli

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 Secretary 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 – 5 th Sunday of Lent Yr A			
	Ezek 37:12-14	Rom 8:8-11	Jn 11:1-45
13-14 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	S Crinall	M Cincotta, A Hughes, L Lim	
7.30am	R Trevisan	M Soni, P Martin	
9.00am	L Adikari	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam	
10.45am	A D'Mello	S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero	
6.00pm	T Hummel	A Quintal, T Treacy, C Joseph	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended		
CHURCH COUNTERS		D De Graaff, B Joseph, R D'Mello	
CHURCH CLEANERS		Afaese Family	
20-21 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	D Krella, R Trevisan, C D'Lima	
7.30am	J Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin	
9.00am	R Alejandro	M Nieuwesteeg, A Ulu, G Nelson	
10.45am	Youth Group	R D'Mello, M Auvale, K Johson	
6.00pm	Y Prasetyo	J Connell, Y Prasetyo, A Quintal	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended		
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn	
CHURCH CLEANERS		C Ancheta, M Magkase, K Susanto	

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: Petelo 0435 118 132
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426 973 026
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 [Age 12-14] Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am & **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: For safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. 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: Saturday 6.00pm & 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>

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 14TH MARCH 2021

FIRST READING

Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath'. Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

