



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

11th October 2026

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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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 Ajin Albarnas

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

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mr Adam Dam

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Anita Hughes

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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 David Hansen

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

Wednesday: 9.30am & 10.30am Willow Wood Aged Care

Thursday: 9.30am, 11.30am St Peter's Avila House &
2.30pm Regis Aged Care

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: 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.00pm Healing Mass followed by

Adoration till 9.00pm

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

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month,
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.

PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

Dear parishioners, This Sunday we welcome Fr Bruce Duncan this weekend at 7.30am & 9.00am Mass.

We also welcome Cruz Ignatius, Province Director - VIC/TAS of Catholic Mission who will be speaking at Masses this weekend. We will also share a message from Bishop Greg leading up to World Mission Sunday next weekend.

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope saint Pius Vth in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on 7th October 1571 which stopped the Turkish invasion of Europe. According to a legend, in 1214, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to saint Dominic Guzman and instructed him to pray the rosary as an effective antidote against heresies. In 1917, when our Blessed Mother, in her apparition to the three shepherd children, asked them to "say the Rosary everyday". She told them again, "pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners, I am Our Lady of the rosary".

MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF ROSARY: - Pray a Rosary daily for everyone who owes you an apology, forgive them even if they are not sorry.
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US

CENT NIGHT: Fundraising team members will be speaking at Masses next weekend about Cent Night and to invite you to join us at our parish fundraiser on Saturday 24th October.

Fr Antony, Parish Priest

The Sunday Faith Corner by parish priest

The spiritual importance of the sacristy - What it is, and why it must be respected.

1. WHAT IS THE SACRISTY? The Sacristy is not just a storage room; it is a sacred preparation space where priests and ministers get ready before entering the altar. It is where vestments are kept, sacred vessels are arranged, and everything needed for the Mass is carefully prepared. In many ways, the Sacristy is like a "backstage of heaven's liturgy", but with reverence, not casualness. Because what happens there prepares what will happen on the altar.

2. WHY THE SACRISTY IS SPIRITUALLY IMPORTANT The Sacristy is a place of silence, focus, and interior preparation. Before stepping into the sanctuary, the priest recollects himself. He prepares not just physically, but spiritually, for the sacred duty ahead. It reminds us that the Mass is not something we rush into, it is something we prepare our souls for.

3. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SACRISTY Everything used at the altar passes through the Sacristy. Vestments are worn with intention. Chalices and sacred vessels are arranged with care. Liturgical books are prepared in order. There are also traditional prayers said by priests before Mass, quiet moments where they entrust themselves to God. Nothing there is random, everything is ordered toward worship.

4. WHY THE SACRISTY MUST BE RESPECTED This is where a serious problem exists today. Some people treat the Sacristy like: * A meeting point * A discussion area * A casual passageway, But the Church expects something very different. The Sacristy should be treated with: * Silence * Respect * Reverence. Because it is connected directly to the sacred action of the Mass. Today, reflect: "Do I approach the things of God with preparation or with haste?" "The way you prepare for God, reveals how much you value Him." **Note:** Parishioners are kindly requested to wait in the foyer after Mass if they wish to have religious items blessed or to speak with one of the priests. Please note that Mass intentions must be booked through the Parish Office. Exceptions may be made for urgent or emergency situations, such as a recent death or hospitalisation. Kindly do not approach the sacristy to arrange Mass intentions unless it is an urgent matter. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Aria Vasilaras, child of Paul & Liana, Henry Paxton-McLarty, child of Rachel and Steffen Kulatunga, child of Suhada & Warnakula.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC: St Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs will host the relic [piece of heart tissue] on October 10 and 11. It will also be hosted by the Ukrainians, Melkites and Maronites where everyone is also welcome to venerate the relic. Check out the website <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/>

BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to join us for a single session of JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF MARY Sunday 25th October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. For bookings contact the Parish Office on 59961 985.

ROSARY AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place on Sunday 8th November 2.00pm at the Cranbourne Cemetery.

POSITION VACANT: Cleaner/Housekeeper for the parish office, providence house, hall and presbytery. 7 to 10 hours a week. For more information, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

MISSION SUNDAY 18th October: A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.



But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. Go to www.catholicmission.org.au/united

VOLUNTEERS BBQ: Save the date Friday 13th November after 6.00pm Mass. More information to follow.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE will be celebrated at 9.00am Mass next Sunday for RCIA & RCIC participants, they will publicly declare for the first time their desire to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for those who are preparing and help us to welcome and support them as they join us on our road to Heaven!

SPONSORS NEEDED: The RCIA process is underway, and **two** of our candidates are seeking faithful companions to walk with them on their journey into the Catholic Church. A sponsor is a practicing Catholic mentor who attends sessions, offers prayerful support, and welcomes a candidate into our parish community. Requirements to attend some evening meetings and joining in the liturgical rites, and praying daily for your candidate.

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF TA'PINU SHRINE AUSTRALIA: St Agatha's Parish will be hosting a Rosary Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Ta'Pinu Shrine at Mirrumu, Victoria. A bus will be travelling to the shrine for Mass and Rosary. **Bus departing Saturday 31st October the from the Church at 9.00am.** BYO lunch, departing shrine at 2.30pm for trip home. **\$22 per head.** For expression of interest, please write your name on the clipboard in the church foyer or contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

ALL SAINTS - ALL HALLOWS: "Halloween" a day to honour all saints in heaven. Children and adults are invited to come dressed as their chosen Saint at Mass on Saturday 31st October at 5.00pm for Saints gathering and blessing, Mass at 6.00pm Mass with a procession, following Mass fellowship and saintly games in the parish hall. Please bring a plate to share

BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: We are in need of babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. Please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL: Faith in Action, change start with you. St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High Street, Berwick. Ages 13 to 30. Saturday 21st November. Scan QR on the poster to register.

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE: 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. Beginning Saturday 3rd October after 9.30am Mass. After the week, the statue is returned before the 9.30am Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Prayer booklet will be available to take home with Our Lady's statue.

CENT NIGHT: Saturday 24th October at 7.00pm St Agatha's School Hall. **All Welcome!** Join us for a fun filled family evening. Great prizes, 2 Smart TVs, Microwave, Coffee Machine, Electrical items, toys and giftware and much more. Proceeds go to our church renovation. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985 to book a table. \$25 for a table of 10 or \$5 per person.

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.

SHINE THE LIGHT: *Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts.* Our month-long journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal "Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts," connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: Urgently needed for a single mother with 4 children who attend St Thereses' & St Peter's college. Contact the parish office 5996 1985.

LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT: Single Catholic lady looking for a room to rent. Please contact the Parish Office 5996 1985.

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 Anita Hughes [Wednesday] 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:

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Michael Gomes, Margaret & Horice D'Rosario, Aileen & Tony Decouto, Yvonne, Frank, Esmeralda, Violet & Aaron Fernandes, Diminica Perera, Vincenza Curcio, Filimaua Anitelea Amoa, Herbert & Otelia Concesso, Edward & Shirley Moore, Amelia Pascual, Betty Kelly, PJ & Kathrina Thomas, Clifford & Linda De Rosario, Hyla Martin, Stanley Carr, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Philomena Paris, Maria Bastian, George Kartheyedathu, Anna George, Darryl Dunkley, Peter Fernandez, Maria Curcio, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Sananadan David, Saverio Torcasio, Giuseppe Torcasio, Claude & Josian Barbe, Anna Cursio, Alicia Culpin, Fr John Gavin, Fr John Davis, Fr Thomas Egan, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Fr Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a, Dominic Mammone, Anthony & Valerie Reynolds

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 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1,4-6 Thes 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21

10 th & 11 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	S Crinall	R Sutherland, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim	
Sun 7.30am	C Beloso	D Lutu, M Natoli	P Joseph
9.00am	C Noronha	T, M & A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira	C Gostimir
10.45am	N Atulia	T Lupeamanu, A Fosio, Mel Thomas, R Pepiarnik, volunteer, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas	
6.00pm	L Piedad	C Joseph E Clinch	
CHURCH COUNTERS		B Joseph, R D'Mello, G & M Philip	

17 th & 18 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Trevisan	R Clarke, B D'souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan	L Joseph
Sun 7.30am	C Gostimir	D Dsouza, C Beloso	S Spaul
9.00am	T Dam	C Noronha, K Auvale, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, Y Prasteyo, M Krotwaar	
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, A Hughes, M Thomas, N Atulia, L Caballero, R Samson, J La'Brooy	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	T Marris Ancajas	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin	A Kuranda
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn	

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

MASS FOR THE UNBORN
– 9.30am Mass

1st Friday of the Month

“ Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace, the greatest destroyer of love”

St Mother Teresa



ST AGATHA'S PARISH HALL FOR HIRE: Our Parish Hall is available for hire to parishioners for family functions, celebrations, meetings and gatherings. Parish events and activities have first preference for hall bookings. Enquiries Parish Office on 5996 1985

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

RCIA: [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries Parish Office: 5996 1985

RCIC: For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism. Sr Victoria 5996 1985

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN: Mon 6:30pm Parish Hall during school terms. Contact: Rosalie 0435 949 006 or Lorie 0400 346 029

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: Tuna Fuimaono 0499 333 996

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927

YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17] Meet 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th Friday of the month at 7.00pm. Enq: Anthony 0492 908 539 or Parish Office 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; Meeting 6.00pm
CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND: For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 1800 123 338 or 1800 522 076 for appointments.

GODSTART: Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact the Parish Office: 5996 1985

LEGION OF MARY: Enquiries: Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:

Upcoming Meetings!

INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]

Meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Mass.

INVICTUS [Age 18+]:

Meet 4th Friday of the month 7pm
Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony - 0492908539
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We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

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>

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Philippians 4: 12-14:19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

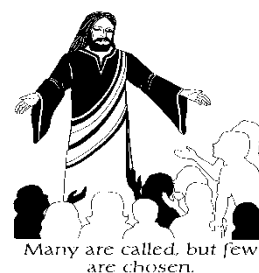
Matthew 22: 1-14.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. The king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death



Mt 22:14