

# St. Agatha's Parish Cranbourne 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

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## 4th Sunday of Easter

**Due to COVID19 The Parish Office will be closed to visitors:  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm**

### ST. AGATHA'S PARISH WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

**Saturday:** 6.00pm  
**Sunday:** 9.00am

#### Weekday Mass Times

**Monday to Saturday:** 9.30am

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**For Mass offerings, Recently Deceased or  
Anniversaries please phone or email the  
parish office**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The Recently Deceased:** Gabriel Orinya, Felix Weinman, Regina Jolley, Dr Mario Andrade, Raleigh D'Souza

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** D Ranganathan, Maureen McCaugherty, Oscar Rabot, Raymond Soans, Darryl Geer, Edward Nanette, Jean Naidoo, Fr James Martin, Dean James Hegarty

**Those who are sick:** Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, 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, Melitus Fernando

**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH** At St. Agatha's Parish we ensure a commitment to zero tolerance to all forms of abuse of a child or adult, and all allegations and safety concerns of any person will be treated very seriously. If you wish to speak to someone: **The Parish Priest or Child Safety Officers:** Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin 03 5996 1985, **Diocesan Professional Standards Officer:** 03 5614 5140. If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**

### PARISH NEWS

**Dear Parishioners,** Bishop Patrick will be leaving the Diocese on Monday 4th May for his new appointment as Archbishop of Adelaide. Bishop Patrick has released a 'Thank you to the People of the Diocese of Sale' Video Message which is available on the Diocesan YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3L5M0mUA6KLif0K\\_qEBBKw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3L5M0mUA6KLif0K_qEBBKw) and on the Diocesan website <http://www.cdsale.org.au/>

The Vatican has published a booklet "*Strong in Tribulation*", containing prayers, homilies from Pope Francis, prayers for the sick and personal prayer in this time of pandemic. It is available to download from or from the Vatican news at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/bis-27-aprile-inglese.pdf> or St Agatha's website at: <https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events/528-strong-in-the-face-of-tribulation/file.html>

Pope Francis has invited us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the domestic church during the Marian month of May. 'This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. The key to doing this is always simplicity.'

He has also provided two prayers to Our Lady that can be recited at the end of the Rosary, these prayers are continued in the bulletin notices.

God bless Fr Joseph

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

### FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14.36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

*1Pt2:20b-25*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the

way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!***

### GOSPEL

*Jn 10:1-10*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death . . . . .



***Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis  
to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

***Prayers written by Pope Francis  
to be offered at the conclusion of  
the Rosary  
by households and individuals each  
day during May***

***First Prayer***

**O Mary,**

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith. “Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

***We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin***

*Mosaic, Mother of the Church, overlooking St Peter’s Square, Vatican City*



## **Second Prayer**

**"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".**

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

**Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.**

**Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.**

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

**Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.**

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

**Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.**

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

*Mosaic, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem*



**MASS OFFERINGS:** At your request, a Mass can be offered for your intention. This can only be arranged through telephoning the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

The Parish Office is closed and staff will be working remotely from home, all calls and emails will be answered. Mon, Tue & Thurs Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm.

## COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE:

Due to the current restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government because of the Corona Virus pandemic, the Victorian Commission of Gambling and Liquor Regulation have extended the Draw dates and Publication for the 2020 Combined Raffle. **New Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm. Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.**

If you would like to purchase tickets for this raffle or return the ticket stubs please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.



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**CARITAS AUSTRALIA:** Gary Pinto wrote a song "Walk with Me" for Project Compassion.



On Saturday May 9th, Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert for Project Compassion.

Walk With Me – Lounge room Sessions.

Through this free concert, he is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

This is a great opportunity for our community to reach out, to demonstrate the concern of ordinary Australians, Catholics and others, to be there for the most vulnerable in our world at this time of fear. To view the concert, supporters will need to register at <https://covid19-crisis-appeal.raisely.com/loungeroomsessions>

Let's go further, together (but at safe distance)!

**CATHOLIC CARE: Relationships Depend on Communication: *Keeping in touch: pen, ink and paper.***

Many people, especially the elderly, will be feeling the separation from contact with family and community very acutely. Many may have limited access to the internet, but the pleasant surprise of a hand-addressed and hand-written letter will linger. Research also shows that the writer benefits as well as the receiver! Other things can be included in the envelope, such as a photo, pressed flower or a prayer card.

It doesn't need to be a piece of literature for the ages; it just needs to express you, your feelings and your effort to reach out to someone. So, go find that pen, that piece of paper, an envelope and a stamp and bring a ray of light to someone's life today.

**CATHOLIC CARE: Communicating with families.** Family Week is usually celebrated from 15-21 May. It is a time to celebrate and strengthen family relationships. This year, we have altered our classroom activities for use in a home setting. Please share these resources with the families in your parish. We would love to hear your stories of how people use them. [http://www.ccam.org.au/page/123/family-week-2020?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19&utm\\_content=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19+CID\\_850d294be9ce1729d51d28b12066af77&utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_term=HOME%20ACTIVITIES%20FOR%20FAMILIES](http://www.ccam.org.au/page/123/family-week-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19&utm_content=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19+CID_850d294be9ce1729d51d28b12066af77&utm_source=Email&utm_term=HOME%20ACTIVITIES%20FOR%20FAMILIES)

## FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

Liturgy Brisbane:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**"I am the gate of the sheepfold."**

### Something to Think About:

You probably don't know any shepherds, but there were lots of shepherds in Jesus' time.

All the people understood that a shepherd's job was to feed his sheep, protect them from harm and patiently guide them on the right path. Jesus is like a shepherd to all of us. He knows each of us very well, he loves us and looks after us. We listen to Jesus' voice and we follow him, just as sheep follow their shepherd.

### The Story

In the time of Jesus, shepherds led a very difficult life, being constantly on duty. The sheep required constant surveillance and needed to be protected against danger and wild animals. The shepherd knew his sheep - often calling them by name. The shepherd led the way and the sheep followed wherever he went. The sheep knew the voice of the shepherd and would not answer to the voice of a stranger. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and leads us as a shepherd leads his flock.

### Family Discussion

Have you ever heard someone's voice and recognised that it belongs to someone you know?

Take turns to talk about the 'shepherds' in your lives – the people who care for, nurture, and love you. What qualities do these people

have that make you think of them as 'shepherds'? What can you do to become 'shepherds' to people in your lives?

### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

***The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep*** - John 10:11-18

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

***My Father and I are one*** – John 10:22-30

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

***I, the light, have come into the world*** – John 12:44-50

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

***Whoever receives the one I send, receives me*** – John 13:16-20

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

***I am the way, the truth, and the life*** – John 14:1-6

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

***He who sees me, also see the Father*** - John 14:7-14

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

***Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty; Peter sees and believes.***

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:2-9; John 14:1-2