



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**Plenary Council 2020**  
*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* REV 21

**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://www.stagathas.org.au)

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

**Sisters of the Nativity:**

Sr. Mary Olofu & Sr. Faustina Ede ☎ 5996 1985

**Parish Child Safety Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretaries:** Sue Ryan & 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

### Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am

**Tuesday:** 9.30am

**Wednesday:** 9.30am, 2.15pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Church  
2.30pm St Therese's School hall

**Thursday:** 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Friday:** 9.30am

**Saturday:** 9.30am

### 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month  
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

### Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information  
Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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,** This Wednesday, is Ash Wednesday it marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is season of serious Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving. Several Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday at 9.30am, 2.15pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm at St Agatha's Church and 2.30pm at St Therese's School, during which Ashes will be distributed. This is not a holy day of obligation; however, it is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Catholics who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not yet begun their 60<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to Abstain from meat. I encourage you as individuals and families to try and attend Mass and receive the Ashes on Wednesday.

The second stage of demolition at St Agatha's School will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> April till 18<sup>th</sup> April. For safety reasons the school driveway to Scott Street will be closed. During asbestos removal we are asked not to park in the parish office carpark or use the footpath. If you need to visit the parish office please park on the gravel carpark at the rear of Providence House. God bless you all, Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Marcus Basbas, child of Eugene & Marianne, Malaika Waring, child of Mark & Margaret and Wolven Bence-Collin, child of Barnaby & Jaimi.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:** This Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am, 2.15pm St Agatha's whole school Mass, 5.30pm & 7.30pm in the Church and at 2.30pm at St Therese's School hall. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not yet begun their 60<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to Abstain from meat.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Church.

**SACRED CONCERT WITH DAVID PARKES:** Irish singer, David Parkes, will be giving a Sacred Concert this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St Agatha's Church beginning at 7.30pm, after Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. During the concert David will give his testimony about his miraculous healing from Crohns disease when prayed over by Fr. Peter Rookey in Medjugorje. Entry is free but a collection will be taken up to help with expenses. David's latest CD "Remember Me" will be available to purchase. For more information see flyer on the notice board in the Church foyer. Enq: Divine Mercy Publications 9830 4386.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE:** Will be meeting this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Providence House.

**LENTEN PROGRAM BEGINS 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Lent is a time of retreat, reflection, and repentance, a time to clear away the distractions of the world and to focus on our relationship with God and how we are living our lives. Through the companionship of a Lenten group we can journey towards Easter together. If you have never experienced a small group why not 'come and see'. It is open to all people, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. There will be two groups meeting: Monday's 7.30pm -9.00pm in Providence House, beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March and Thursdays 10.30am – 12 noon, beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March in a private home. Enquiries: Parish Office 5996 1985.

**PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH** for the Diocese of Sale will take place at St Peter's College, Cranbourne West Campus on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It will begin at 11.25am to 1.30pm and include items by St Peter's students, guest speaker from Caritas and a prayer service lead by Bishop Pat. All welcome, if you wish to attend please arrive early to be processed to allow entry to the school.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:** Will be available on Ash Wednesday, please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

**ST AGATHA'S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019:** If you are still in two minds to join us on this biblical journey to the Holy land, not to worry, we still have **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**. Fr Joseph Abutu will be the Chaplin leading us on a 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29<sup>th</sup> April - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This pilgrimage is organised by Magi pilgrimages that features Jordon, Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, River Jordon, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, and Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at \$5425 inclusive with flights, Accommodation in 4-star hotels, All 3 meals covered, Holy Mass celebrated daily. Renewal of wedding vows in Cana are a list of few inclusions as per itinerary. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve the last few spots please contact Rebecca Daly on [0421 521 550](tel:0421521550) or email [rebeccadaly19mail.com](mailto:rebeccadaly19mail.com).

**HOURS OF GRACE:** Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 6<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> April. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

# FORMED

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**  
**FOR THE PARENT PREPARING THEIR CHILDREN FOR RECONCILIATION: 7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION**  
<https://formed.org/listen/59889ae66a6552cc0f3d9be1>

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parent/Child workshop Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm or 7.00pm. Children, please collect your worksheet from foyer after Mass. If you have any queries please contact Sr Mary.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** starts on Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April. 40 days for Life Campaign is a community-based campaign that takes a peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion. For more information see the notice board in the foyer.



**THURSDAY EVENING MASS** focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. **March: 7<sup>th</sup> For the victims of abuse & for healing, 14<sup>th</sup> In thanksgiving for parish benefactors, 21<sup>st</sup> For the sick especially cancer patients & 28<sup>th</sup> For those who celebrated their birthday in March.**

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Day for Parish Plenary Teams and School Delegates on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** will be held at the Marian Theatre, Marist-Sion College, 165 Burke St Warragul. The day will commence at 9.30 and end at 3.00 pm. Each parish must be represented by as many of their Plenary Team members as possible. Schools may send delegates as well. Team members and schools wishing to book must contact the Parish Office for bookings. Bookings close 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**PLENARY COUNCIL RESPONSES** from around 400 participants at the 5 regional Listening and Dialogue sessions with the Bishop, held around the Diocese late last year, are now available on our website <http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/downloads/parishes/579-diocese-of-sale-raw-responses-from-regional-listening-dialogue-sessions-with-the-bishop.html> or go to <http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/25-bishop/348-towards-2020.html> page down to Listening and Dialogue Sessions and click on the link.

**CAR RAFFLE:** Please return the book to the Parish office with your payment or after Mass on the weekend. Drawn on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: For Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates** For all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. At 2.00pm Bishop Pat warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct). 3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral. 4.00pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

**YEAR 7 2020 APPLICATIONS FOR ST. PETER'S COLLEGE:** A reminder to families that 2020 applications are due in at the College by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Information packs are available from the College Offices or you can download an application form from the College website. First round offers will be sent out at the end of March. For enquiries phone the College Registrar, Wendy Height on 5990 7777.

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE PAST STUDENTS GET TOGETHER:** There will be a get together for past students from Catholic College Sale Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm Commercial Hotel Yarragon. The hotel is across the road from the Yarragon railway station, or alternatively there is a large carpark behind the hotel. If you like to book or for further information, could you please contact John Daniels by email [john@travelpluswarragul.com.au](mailto:john@travelpluswarragul.com.au) no later than Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**YOUTH CORNER:** The Theme for this year 2019 is 'Faith Formation'. I encourage all parents to support their children to participate actively in the Youth Group. God bless you all Sr. Mary. For all the youth wishing to be involved in the Stations of the Cross, practice will begin on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq: Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

**Recently Deceased**

Edna  
Francis K.C [in India]  
Chris Geehman

**Anniversaries:**

Regina Tiongson  
Brian Cummins 1<sup>st</sup>  
Julian Cramer  
Sr Helen Eluma  
Isabella Brown  
Giovanna & Letterio Curcio  
Antoinette Ternel  
Jeanne Barry  
Fr Peter Dawson

**Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries**

Saturday 6.00pm-- For the Intentions of Jerome Carpio [B'day today] & Domenica Ranatunga [Remb]  
Sunday 7.30am-- In thanksgiving [Mathews Family] & Regina Tiongson [Anniv]  
" 9.00am-- For the Souls of Paul D'Mello & Olga Alves & Chris Geehman [Rec Dec]  
" 10.45am-- Carmelo Molino [B'day Remb], Mattia & Orazio Molino [Remb] & Julian Rexi Cramer [Anniv]  
" 6.00pm-- For the People of the Parish

**Feasts****Weekday Masses**

Monday 9.30am-- Sr Helen Eluma [Anniv] & Isabella Brown [17<sup>th</sup> Anniv]  
Tuesday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory  
Wednesday 9.30am-- Brian Cummins [1<sup>st</sup> Anniv] 2.15pm -- For the Souls in Purgatory  
" 5.30pm-- In thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Jonah Dam  
" 7.30pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory  
Thursday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory  
" 7.30pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory  
Friday 9.30am-- Giovanna & Letterio Curcio [Anniv], Antoinette Ternel [Anniv] & Jeanne Barry [Anniv]  
Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

**Sick List:** Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Rosy Preca, Pearl Roussiyen, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinvia, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia

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.

**Rosters for Ministries****2-3 March 2019: Lectors:**

6.00pm: M Garcia R Trevisan, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta

7.30am: M Lutu L & S Jean Louis, R Crozier

9.00am: G Spierings R Spierings, M Parrocho, T Dam, Y Shedden, D Barker, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg

10.45am: R D'Mello G Clark, Sr Faustina, L & C Tyminski, C Frenkel, T Lupeamanu, L Fosio, M Gambin

6.00pm: E Abraham C James, Y Prasetyo, R Lupeamanu, L Tuffnell, A Antony, J Seeborun, T Hummel

**Church Cleaners for the week 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Nicol Family

**Counters:** M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham

**Extraordinary Ministers:****Welcomers:**

E Hill, J Bourke

K Martini

L Nasalio, L Samuelu

M Iverach, N Moore

L Tuffnell

**Children's Liturgy:** Bridget & Priya

**9-10 March 2019: Lectors:**

6.00pm: S Crinall A Hughes, C D'Lima, M Cincotta, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal, R Weinman

7.30am: K Luxford D Krella, M Soni, L Jean Louis

9.00am: E Mandizvidza H Speelmeyer, L Dunkley, T Marinelli, Fr Guimmarra, G Spierings, S Borsodi, P Joseph

10.45am: C Besterwicht T Macharaga, K Johnson, T de Pradines, T Nyerenyere, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise

6.00pm: D Lutu V Prasetyo, E Abraham, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, C James

**Church Cleaners for the week 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March:** L Nasalio, L Samuelu, J Morel, A Hughes

**Counters:** C James, P De Graaff, R D'Mello

**Extraordinary Ministers:****Welcomers:**

A & A Quintal

L Adikari

Y Shedden

T Weatherall, D Deri

M Maroney

**Children's Liturgy:** Sasha & Fiona

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**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 Mary 5996 1985.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985

**ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP:** Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074

**PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY:** For further information contact Parish Office.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hr by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161

**INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9.30am & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

**AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5996 1985

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188

**PLAYGROUP:** Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545



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**PARISH APP:** The parish has an APP that is available from the 'APP STORE' and the '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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

*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 your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.*



**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019**

**FIRST READING**

*Sir 27:4-7*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.***

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Cor 15:54-58*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Phil 2:15-16*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*Lk 6:39-45*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour ... ..



*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43)*

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.