



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**Third Sunday of Lent  
Year A  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## **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](http://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

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**Parish Secretaries:** Sue Ryan & Tina Dam

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## **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** 8.00am

**Wednesday:** 9.30am

**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,** We continue to pray for the suffering people of the world for healing and support of all affected.

If you are unwell you should not come to Mass, you can honour your Sunday obligation by participating in time of prayer within your home, reading scripture or watching Mass on the television or go to our website for the link of our Livestreamed Mass.

For the protection of the elderly and the sick we have suspended nursing home Masses for the time being and will continue to pray for them.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will discontinue taking communion to the sick for now. Family members can take Holy Communion to their sick family member at home, please ask one of the priests or sisters.

The Priests are still available for sick calls.

Next Sunday at the 10.45am Mass school leaders, staff and families will join us for their School Leaders Mass.

I would like to encourage every parishioner to attend the Stations of the Cross at least once on a Friday during Lent. God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF GOD:** Marley Vosgerichian, child of Adam & Maya, Mathea Pasamonte-Detabali, child of Ronald & Shiela and Ella Cauchi, child of Damien & Gemma.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Please note Mass on Tuesday morning will be celebrated at 8.00am.

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOLEMNITY** will be celebrated this Thursday, a special collection will be taken up at Masses for the Church extension.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**RCIA ELECT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE CREED AT 9.00AM MASS TODAY:** On 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent the RCIA Elect & Candidates participate in the Scrutinies. This rite entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this rite symbolizes that our Parish Community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic Faith with them.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place this Friday at 7.30pm in the Church.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Ceremony dates Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm & 7.00pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm & 7.00pm.

**RELIC OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX** will be coming to St Agatha's Parish on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, more information to follow in the coming weeks. Please mark this date in your diaries.

**CHILD SAFETY CORNER:** All volunteers must have attended one Child Safe Training session. If you were unable to attend the Child Safe Training session at St Agatha's parish. Please register online at <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>. For St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am-12.30pm.

**CATHOLIC CARE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP:** If you attended this workshop last year, please collect your certificate from the parish office.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS WORKSHOP:** If you would like to become a Lector or Extraordinary Ministers a training session will be held this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March after the 7.30pm Mass.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Guest speaker Sharon Boyd from ACU has been invited to come and speak to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick on the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am till 12.30pm in the parish hall. Please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

**HOURS OF GRACE:** 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration will begin on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please register your name in a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer. Timesheets are on the table in the foyer of the Church.

**SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN:** If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.



**THURSDAY EVENING MASS** focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions of the month of March: **19<sup>th</sup> For those recently bereaved, 26<sup>th</sup> For those born in March.**

**CAR RAFFLE:** 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**SVDP** is seeking a Secretary for its Conference. The person would need to be proficient in use of Microsoft Office, be able to take minutes and do some correspondence. Orientation would be provided. If you can help us please phone Mary on 5996 1758.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director? Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161



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** Every week, Formed highlight different content.

**This week: Lets learn about Lent**

<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/let-s-learn-about-lent>

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** This Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**VOICE FOR LIFE:** Please join us as we pray in the Chapel after mass on Tuesday's during Lent. Since Melbourne no longer has the 40 days Vigil, we will pray to support all fellow prolife 40 days vigils.

**OLHC LENTEN MISSION:** Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ will be conducting a Lenten Mission at OLHC in Narre Warren. **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.** Session times 10am to 11.15am and REPEATED at 7.30pm to 8.45pm. For more information please read the flyer on the notice board. Cost free

**ABUSE AND FAITH:** Has your faith been affected by the revelations of historical sexual abuse within the church? Are you affected by current or recent events related to this? Come to an open conversation, with Arda Tymensen, an experienced family counsellor at St Joseph's Church, Marian Room, Warragul. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. The evening is sponsored by the Cyrenian Group which offers listening and support to people suffering because of abuse. For further info ring 5623 1642 or [Warragul@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Warragul@cdsale.org.au) and ask for Joan or Fr Peter.

**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE STUDENTS** are holding two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles over the next 2 weekends. Cranbourne Campus will be at Cranbourne Bunnings on Saturday 14 March Clyde North Campus will be at Clyde North Bunnings on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC?** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Pakenham. All are welcome. Tickets (\$10 includes supper) tickets at the door or <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=606156&>

**EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS:** You are invited to lunch with Bishop Pat O'Regan on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The lunch will be at the Black-Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St, Warragul, 12noon. The two-course lunch will cost \$50 and wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at bar prices. This event is proudly hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross, Diocese of Sale and all proceeds will go to the Bursary Fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians. Tickets are available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=612911&>

**HSI SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April at Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North, 7.00pm. Blue Hills Chapel. Information session 4<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 7.30pm Tenebrae

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** Mass 9.30am

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation [Several Priest available]

**Holy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April** No morning Mass

❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

❖ Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

**Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** Morning Prayer 8.00am

❖ Stations of the Cross 10.30am [School Oval]

❖ Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm:** 2 venues:

❖ **St. Agatha's Church**, Parish Hall & St Agatha's School Hall

❖ **St. Peter's College Hall** - Cranbourne West

**Holy Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April** No morning Mass or Holy Hour

❖ Easter Vigil 7.00pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

**Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

❖ Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 3.00pm with Bishop Patrick

**Anzac Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Mass

**YOUTH CORNER:** We encourage all our Youth members to participate actively in the Lenten program. We all attend the Stations of the Cross and meet straight in the Parish Hall for 30minutes. On First Fridays of Lent, the Meeting is after the evening Mass. I look forward to seeing all of you. Sr Mary Olofu. If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. All Welcome!



**The Recently Deceased:** Claudette Sinclair, Moira Simmons, Terry Reilly

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:**

Monica Muir, Ben Manuel, Ramon Forteza, Thressia George, Dagma DeSilva, Fausty & Gina, Andres Luna, Nino Imbradura, Lucia Luna, Mgr Dan McCartan, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joe Daly, For the deceased members of the Oakley, Chiong and Fernandez families.

**Those who are sick:** Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, 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, Martin Van den Broek

*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 Secretaries 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 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41			
14/15 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	D Marie	K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter	R Estrada
7.30am	B Vechoorettu	P Martin, D Krella, M Soni	Volunteer
9.00am	H Guerra	J Seeborun, Volunteer, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, T Dam, A Dam	L Nasalio
10.45am	Youth Members	T Lupeamanu, R D'Mello, A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale	D Deri
6.00pm	E Abraham	T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, R Weinman, T Treacy, J Connell	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		A Mastroianni, Sr Victoria	
CHURCH COUNTERS		D Green, A Estrada, R Estrada	
CHURCH CLEANERS	16-21 March	F Lorenzin, J Staines, R & K Weinman	
21/22 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	Children's Choir	T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes	B Harris
7.30am	L Adikari	L Adikari, volunteer, D Krella	L Adikari
9.00am	R Spierings	F Guimmarra, G Spierings, G Nelson, P Joseph, A Malia Ulu, L Ahsio, G Raudino	G Nelson
10.45am	D Marie	R Alejandro, S Lucas, A Ortencio, J Thomas, N Atulia, P Schreurs, L & G Clark	R Afaese
6.00pm	V Praseyto	C James, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, A Antony, T Hummel, B Evans	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		S & A Lucas	
CHURCH COUNTERS		M D'Lima, R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues	
CHURCH CLEANERS	23-28 March	R Afaese & Family	

**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:** 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 Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426973026.

**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 Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 Sr Victoria 5996 1985

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

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month. 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:** 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses 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>



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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.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

#### SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep; how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour... ..



**Welcome to St Agatha's Parish!** 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 you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner forms are located on the Welcome stand or go to our website to register at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>