



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Third Sunday of Lent
Year A
12th March 2023

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]

☎ **5996 1985** Fax: **5996 1992**

Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

For Parish News & Events:

<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

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 Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ **5996 1985**

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ **5996 2724**

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

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 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

Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

Monday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Tuesday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Wednesday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Saturday: 9:30am - In the Church & 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 First Thursday of the Month 7.15pm begins with Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

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

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month, starting 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

Dear Parishioners, The Hours of Grace begins on 25th March for 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration until 1st April. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Today the RCIA elect will participate in the Scrutinies in readiness for Easter. On the 3rd Sunday of Lent Elect are presented the Creed.

Just a reminder that the Sacristy has become very congested with parishioners lately, the Sacristy is exclusively for the Priest, Sacristan, Lector and Extraordinary Ministers. If you wish to speak with a Priest, please wait outside to do so. May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Milo & Aurora Calegari Children of Aurelio & Kerry, Zaydn Extross Child of Ronald & Nikkita, Bailey Hershaft Child of Zachary & Breanna, Daniel Zavarko Child of Zoltan & Isabela, Maven Membrere Child of Marion & Melanie.

OFFICE CLOSURE: Parish Office will be closed on Monday 13th March due to Public Holiday. The office will re-open Tuesday 14th March at 1.00pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 15th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 16th March at 7.00pm in the Church. Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

HOURS OF GRACE at St Agatha's from 10:00am on Saturday 25th March until 11:00am Saturday 1st April. Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings. Rosters are available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

PLAYGROUP has now resumed, every Tuesday's from 9:00am – 11:00am in the parish hall during school terms.

JUNIOR YOUTH meeting this Sunday March 12th at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall, we also encourage any new youth to come along and join.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE: As a gift to Pope Francis, we could offer our prayers for his ministry by praying the Hail Mary and lighting the virtual candle through the online prayer initiative launched by the digital synod. They will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' representing the Hail Marys that were prayed for him. Here is the link to offer your prayers.

<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

MOTHERS WHO PRAY: "Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish? We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!"

VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP will be praying in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. This is part of the worldwide forty days prayer vigil during Lent. Praying to end abortion. Tuesday the 27th of February to the 3rd April. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN: 21st March 9:15am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm and 23rd March 9:15am & 12:15pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please contact Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour. For more information please contact St Agatha's Primary School or visit www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au

ST THERESE'S COMMUNITY HUB - TERM 1 Tuesday Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years from 9:15am-10:45am Starting on the 7th February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9th February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10th of February. You may attend any or all of the programs.

DISCOVER WHAT ST PETER'S COLLEGE HAVE TO OFFER Join us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!

Go to our parish website at

<https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html>

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on how to join and logon with the parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: **Breath of God**

<https://vwatch.formed.org/videos/breath-of-god>

FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Joseph Abutu will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy land from 30th April to 13th May 2023. This pilgrimage organised by Magi Pilgrimages will feature Jordan, the Dead Sea, Petra, Mt Nebo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Mt Tabor, Jericho, and Jerusalem. This Pilgrimage costs inclusive flights, accommodation in 4-star hotels, and meals. Mass will be celebrated daily at various holy sites. More than 85% of the intended Pilgrims have made their deposits. However, if you wish to join the group, please make your reservation by 20th March 2023. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

LOST IN CHURCH: Anti-Cancer Sunglasses after 6.00pm Mass last Saturday, please contact the parish office if you found them.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend: Date – 21st March 2023 Venue – Teacher's Centre, Sion House, Warragul, from 9am to 3pm. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15th March 2023 to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au or 56226678.

LENTEN JOURNEY 2023 VIA ZOOM: You are invited to gather & engage with others focusing on prayer, discussion and fellowship via Zoom. Over the next six weeks, we will journey, reflecting on the Scriptures we will hear from the Sunday Gospels. They call us to consider our baptismal call and our response to that call as we head towards the great feast of Easter. We will be using a Lenten Companion called Spirit and Truth, The Power of Christ Revealed, issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. If you can partake in only some of the sessions, your attendance is always welcome. For further details or enquiries, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale on 5152 2942. When: 13th March, 20th March, 27th March. Time: 8 pm – 9 pm To receive a link: email Michelle at stm.michelleg@gmail.com

PALMS AUSTRALIA MISSION: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire about potential assignments. 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

ARE YOU MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL? Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church. The contribution for each Mass can be paid directly from your estate (avoids costs being met by beneficiaries). This would be a real comfort knowing that Masses are being said regularly (say monthly) at the Catholic church of your choosing and all paid for from your estate. Remember to have a chat with your lawyer and he/she should be able to include this in the document when you are making or reviewing your Will.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER! The Fellowship Group @ St Agatha's Parish cordially invites you to "A Teaching Afternoon with Fr Joseph Abutu" on Sunday 26 March, the session will be held at the Parish Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Fr Joseph will give us his interesting reflections and thoughts for the 2023 Lenten season. We will have a Q&A after the talk to discuss various aspects of the session. Lent is an important period of reflection and growth for all of us. We use this time as an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of life as our preparation towards Easter. Fellowship snacks and catch up with friends after the session. God's Blessings!