



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
20th February 2022

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

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 Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

☎ 5996 1985

St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Deputy Principal: Liam Doherty

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

Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please search YouTube: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Tuesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Wednesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday & 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. Please check in with the Victorian QR code app on arrival.

Healing Mass Suspended

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 Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

Marriages

6 months' notice requested

DEAR PARISHIONERS: Thank you, Fr Stanly, for your leadership while I was on holidays. I am grateful to you the parishioners of St. Agatha's for supporting Fr Stanly in my absence. Thank you to everyone for your prayers while I was away. Fr Stanly will be away for a short break from Monday 21st to Saturday 26th February.

The Feast Day of our Patron, St Agatha will be celebrated on Sunday 27th February during the 10.45am Mass, followed by a procession of the St. Agatha's statue from the Church around the carpark. Due to COVID this year's celebration will remain low key. Parishioners are invited to join the procession dressed in their native attire and carry their national flag. Please contact the parish if you wish to bring it to the Church.

Many of you may know Mark Hughes a parishioner of St Agatha's. Mark has been studying for the Priesthood at the Seminary in Carlton. Bishop Greg will be ordaining Mark to the Diaconate on Saturday 12th March at 11.00am at St Agatha's. Parishioners are invited to join in the celebration. More details to follow.

One of our Youth Leaders, Elizabeth Lupeamanu will be speaking at the Masses this weekend.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Ariana Maio, child of Paul & Tara, Adele Raffa, child of Christian & Rosalee, Adeline Todd, child of Shannon & Jessica, Mia & Montana Power, children of Rick & Tami and Kairi & Suri Gooneratne, child of Radhik & Shari.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: The children will be making their commitment at all Masses this weekend. A reminder to please submit your homework sheet at Mass, thank you.

RCIA: Inquirers will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance in the Order of the Catechumenate at the 9.00am Mass next Sunday 27th February. At this Rite, they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ. These inquirers have freely sought God and conversion. As the Holy Spirit opens their hearts and minds, we ask you please pray for them as they continue their journey in faith.

PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited take a prayer card from the Church foyer and pray for one of our RCIA Catechumen & Candidates, Thank you.

RCIA CANDIDATES will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9.00am Mass Sunday 6th March. As they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale, please continue to keep Amal, Jörg & Vlad in your prayers.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION: The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13.

Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church!

How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER ROSTERS have been emailed this week, printed copies are available in the foyer.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: For Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. Immediately prior to the Rite of Election, Bishop Greg 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). Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea, no sandwiches please.

RITE OF ELECTION: Parish Singers and Musicians Wanted! at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 6th March. Please join us on the day, expression of interest email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for children in Government Schools Wednesday during school terms at 4.00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS: Would you like to volunteer as a RE Catechist? Classes are held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Experienced Catechists and new member welcome. For more information contact Sr Victoria on 59961 985

CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" Thank you.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Go to our parish website at <https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html> on how to join and logon with the parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

LENTEN RETREAT- REMEMBER: The first word we hear during Lent is 'Remember.' "So, it is sometimes with things we have done across the years things that make us cringe even today. We hide them away out of sight or perhaps we adjust our behaviour so no one will ever guess what unpalatable, and to us, shameful truths lie in our past. And what would God say about them? He would say exactly what he said about the fig tree: "Work on it, do what you can, then leave it alone."

We are inviting everyone to join our online Lenten Retreat for this year 2022. Our first meeting is on March 3 at 10:30 am - 11:45 am. The next meetings will start at 10:45 am -11:45 am on March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 7. Lenten Retreat Daily reflections will be available for your prayer material. The registration is open now and will close on February 28.

We also offer this year. • Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius de Loyola with limited places

• Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts

This is an inclusive and contemporary retreat that has the same dynamic seasons as that of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola written in the early sixteenth century.

This has limited places so please book in early.

• Spiritual Direction

Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Parishioners can start returning their blessed palms/ greenery from last year's Palm Sunday, so they can be burnt and will be used for Ash Wednesday.

MISSING ONE PARISH WALKIE TALKIE: If you are in possession of the Parish Walkie Talkie (Handheld Radio) and charger. Please return to the Parish Office. ASAP thank you.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday group meet (after 9.30am Mass) until 12.00 noon. All welcome!

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, it is a Diocesan requirement that leaders are to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for Safeguarding records and QR code on arrival.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Mission Opportunities Overseas. Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

For more information or Phone: 0422 742 567 or <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/> Join our online forum at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants. Bishop Greg has sent a letter on endorsement encouraging parishioners to consider this opportunity.

COVID SAFETY: In line with current government restrictions. We ask that you kindly register with QR code provided on arrival.

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.

FACE COVERINGS: Are not needed but recommended if you cannot physically distance.

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 Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted 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**



The Recently Deceased: Manickam Mathiews, George Kelaart, Jerome Yeoh Teck Hao

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Trevino de Kauwe, Domenico Agresta, Ameriano & Maria Cristina Magsanoc, Ricardo Palarca Snr and Juanita Baniqued, Carmelo & Concetta Sottile, Rosaline Bernadette Hawes Frano Bachak, Margaret Nowden, Lionel Jayakody, Fred Beiruty, Godofredo & Angelita Gamayao, For the deceased members of the Candido Family, For family & friends of the Magkase family, Fr Joseph O'Hagan, Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley

Those who are sick: Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Gerry Shafton, Cynthia Leonard

*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 Secretary 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 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

19-20 th February 2022	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	A Simmons	T Heldt, M D'Costa, R Trevisan
7.30am		M Soni
9.00am	T Dam	R Daly, M Dam, G Nelson
10.45am	Youth Group	R D'Mello, R D'Mello, T Nyerenyere
6.00pm	Y Prasetyo	B Evans, E Clinch, A Malia Ulu
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
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

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm

1st Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel

“Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me.” *Matthew 25:40*

26 - 27 th February 2022	Lector	RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	L Lim, M & R Sutherland
7.30am	R Trevisan	C Beloso
9.00am	G Nelson	R Alejandro, P Spierings, D Barker
10.45am	R D'Mello	C Tyminski, S Lucas, N Atulia
6.00pm	T Hummel	Y Prasetyo, C Joseph, J Connel
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		C D'Lima, D Barker

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 Victoria 5996 1985.

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

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES: 2nd 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: Petelo 0435 118 132

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426 973 026

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 GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14] Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

AGAPE [Age 18+]: Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email 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: 1st & 3rd 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 Mary 5996 1985

PLAYGROUP: For COVID safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. 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: 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>



<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>



@StAgathasCP



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.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

FIRST READING

Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, by I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we

in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour... ..