



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Palm Sunday
Year B
28th March 2021**

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: Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm**
[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

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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 Ogbale [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

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

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: No Mass

Wednesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Thursday: **See Holy Week Timetable**

Friday: √ √ √

Saturday: √ √ √

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: Not during Holy Week

Saturday: Not during Holy Week

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 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 in the Adoration Chapel

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held First Sunday of the Month 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

DEAR PARISHIONERS, This Tuesday all the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese will join with Bishop Greg Bennet at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, for the Chrism Mass, with the blessing of the Holy Oils. **There will be no Morning Mass in the Church this Tuesday.**

The Hours of Grace went very well this week and we will continue to be blessed with many blessings from this week. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

Where possible for the Easter ceremonies, I would encourage parishioners to park at the shopping centre especially on Good Friday and walk a short distance.

I urge all Parishioners to make every effort to participate in the Tenebrae Ceremony this **Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm.**

Parish Reconciliation will be this **Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm,** several priests will be available, there will be no extra opportunity for Reconciliation as Holy Week will be an extremely busy time.

Due to high demand the Good Friday ceremony will be celebrated at one location only. The Good Friday ceremony will take place on the St Agatha's School oval, registration online or on arrival QR code. Please bring your own chair or rug to sit on.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14th year are obliged to Abstain from meat. The **Paschal Precept** requires that each of the faithful receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Fr Stanly and I will be taking a short break after Easter, Fr Stanly will be away from 5th-9th April, I will be away from 12th-16th April. Both Priest will be away from the 19th-23rd April for a Diocesan Clergy Retreat. On behalf of Fr Stanly, the Sisters and Parish Staff, I wish you many blessings and renewed faith through Holy Week.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Nivah Jithin, child of Jithin & Neethu, Grace Purathur, child of Libin & Dimple, Ivy Kondys, child of Alexander & Ebony, Theodore Dickson, child of Scott & Amanda and Hunter Beadel, child of Damian & Natalie.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed after Easter from Monday to Thursday, reopening again on Friday 9th April from 8.30am to 3.00pm. If you would like to book a Mass intention please do so before the office closes.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Will be taken up at Mass on Holy Thursday for the needy and Good Friday Service for Holy Places.

PROJECT COMPASSION: PROJECT COMPASSION boxes and envelopes can be returned this week. If you have requested a tax receipt, they will be left on the table in the foyer for you to collect in the coming weeks.

CAR RAFFLE: All new Suzuki Baleno car to be won & 19 gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale after all Masses \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10110/21. Drawn on 5th June 2021. **If you are able to sell tickets on Sunday at 7.30am or 6.00pm Mass, please contact the Parish Office ASAP on 5996 1985.**

ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS: Online Mass bookings for weekdays **will not be necessary.** For weekday Masses come and register your name and contact details on arrival. An exception will apply on special occasions online bookings will be necessary. **Weekend Mass bookings are still strictly by booking online** via the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Please arrive early to Mass as the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for First Communion in 2020. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985. Ceremonies held every weekend until August 2021. **Up to 5 Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm.** For family members and guests wishing to attend the ceremony online Mass attendance bookings are required, bookings can be made via our parish website. **Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.**

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of **three** attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

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parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/holy-week>

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE (VFL) is dedicated to building a culture where human life is valued and respected from conception to natural death. If you wish to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life here in our parish, please contact Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864

AN UPCOMING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity. Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows: Venue: St Ita, Drouin, Dates: Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit, Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit, Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg Time: 10.30 am each day. The other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/Parish levels.

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH - HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

Tuesday 30th March No Mass – Chrism Mass Sale Cathedral

Tuesday 30th March 8.00pm Tenebrae

Wednesday 31st March Mass 9.30am

Wednesday 31st March 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation [Several Priest available]

Holy Thursday 1st April No morning Mass

- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
- ❖ Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday 2nd April Morning Prayer 9.00am

Stations of the Cross 10.00am [St Agatha's School Ground]

Stations of the Cross Registration at the entrance QR Code

- ❖ Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm: Outdoor only St. Agatha's School ground online booking or register on arrival. BYO chair or rug to sit on.
- ❖ **Holy Saturday 3rd April** No morning Mass or Holy Hour Easter Vigil 7.30pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

Easter Sunday 4th April

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

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April 10.45am Mass

BUDDING ARTIST: The Diocese has produced a Children's Book on Safeguarding as part of helping children aged 4 to 9 years old to develop protective behaviours. The Diocese is looking for a student or emerging illustrator who would be willing to illustrate this book? If you would like to apply please contact Angela Lecomber on 03 5614 5140

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE: Chocolate sales peak at Easter. Did you know that your Easter chocolate purchases could be fuelling the demand for child labour? Be careful what you buy. Slavery free chocolate is chocolate that is certified. It can be found in most of the large supermarkets. It has logos such as Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance. For more info: <https://fairtradeanz.org/for-consumers/products/chocolate>

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: Maggie Macariola

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Thelma Williams 1st, Albert Simmons, Felix Weinman, Tina Butera, Robert Taylor, Rogelio Guadalupe, Orazio Molino

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Brian Venville, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Lacy

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 – Easter Sunday				
		Acts 10:34, 37-43	Col 3:1-4	Jn 20:1-9
27-28 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Simmons, T Heldt, volunteer		
7.30am	D Abraham	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	J Gunn	R Alejandro, T Nyerenyere, E Abraham		
10.45am	R D'Mello	R Holsinger, C Tyminiski, A Ortencio		
6.00pm	J MacDonald	T Treacy, C Joseph, J Connell		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended			
CHURCH COUNTERS		C D'Lima, L Cresswell, D Barker		
CHURCH CLEANERS		N Manuel, J Morel, A Hughes		
3-4 April 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	R Trevisan, D Krella, M Cincotta		
7.30am	P Martin	M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	T Nyerenyere	J Raudino, T Dam, A Dam		
10.45am	A Ortencio	N Atulia, L Caballero, M Auvale		
6.00pm	T Hummel	T Treacy, C Joseph, J Connell		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended			
CHURCH COUNTERS		P Dam, T Dam, J McLean		
CHURCH CLEANERS		A Antony, R Holdenbottle, R Bernard		

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: 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 GROUP 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
- AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd 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
- 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 Victoria 5996 1985
- PLAYGROUP: For safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 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: Saturday 6.00pm & 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>

Like <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.

PASSION SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH 2021

FIRST READING

IS 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING PHIL 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL

MK 15:1-39

Narrator: First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

Other: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "It is you who say it".

Narrator: And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

Other: "Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!"

Narrator: But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

Other: "Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to

demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

Other: "But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted back,

ALL: "CRUCIFY HIM!"

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Other: "Why? What harm has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the louder,

ALL: "CRUCIFY HIM!"

Narrator: So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

ALL: "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!"

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to pay him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get.

It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

ALL: "AHA! SO YOU WOULD DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND REBUILD IT IN THREE DAYS! THEN SAVE YOURSELF: COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!"

Narrator: The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

ALL: "HE SAVED OTHERS, BUT CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF. LET THE CHRIST, THE KING OF ISRAEL, COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS NOW, FOR US TO SEE IT AND BELIEVE".

Narrator: Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"

Narrator: This means

Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

Narrator: When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

ALL: "LISTEN, HE IS CALLING ON ELIJAH".

Narrator: Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying,

Other: "Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down".

Narrator: But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All Kneel and pause for a moment.

Narrator: And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

Other: "In truth this man was a Son of God".

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour