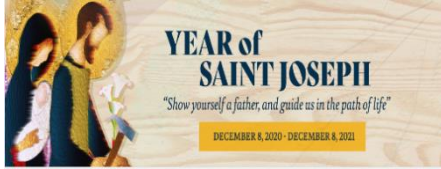




# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B  
5<sup>th</sup> September 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to  
visitors & staff working from home:  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm  
Lunch 12.30pm to 1.00pm

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs 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:**

**Sunday: 9.00am**

**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

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

### Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am Suspended

Saturday: 10.00am Suspended

### 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:** Closed due to the lockdown

**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:** 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 - Suspended

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

We wish all Fathers in our Parish a happy and Blessed Father's Day today!

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** This weekend we ask God's blessing for all fathers, grand fathers and father figures on Father's Day, and remember our deceased fathers in our prayers.

I would like to offer Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am for all those recently deceased. Especially for those who did not have the opportunity of a Mass offered for them. Parishioners are invited to email the names of their deceased loved ones, who have died in the last 18 months. Names will be displayed on the screen before the Mass begins. Email: [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) before 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Bishop Greg has invited us to show our support and solidarity as Christians for the Afghan community, by signing an online petition. We, the Australian Church, are calling on the Federal Government to welcome a special intake of an additional 20,000 Afghan refugees, and support the ongoing well-being of all Afghan refugees and their families. <https://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/>  
May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

**CLERGY NEWS:** Fr Peter Bickley will retire as Administrator of St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, effective January 12, 2022. Fr Peter Kooloos will retire as Parish Priest of the Koo Wee Rup, Iona-Maryknoll parishes effective January 12, 2022, but he will continue to provide canonical advice to the Bishop's Office. Due to ongoing health issues, Fr Bernard "Bernie" Krotwaar will retire as Parish Priest of Trafalgar-Yarragon parishes, effective August 30, 2021. Taking his place as Administrator (Pro Tem) will be Fr Bernard Buckley, effective August 30, 2021- January 12, 2022: We are delighted Fr Bernard is able to return to an appointment in the Diocese. The prayers of so many have accompanied him throughout recent years as he confronted and attended to serious health concerns and we are blessed that Fr Bernard is in a position to resume active ministry.

**PARISH STAFF** continue to work from home, staff can be contacted by email or phoning the parish office during office hours.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:** Was due for a Special Collection for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> It will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

**RCIA SPONSOR: ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO HELP?** Have you thought about becoming a sponsor? God may be calling you; this might be your time. What is a sponsor? We are in need of male sponsors. It is a good practice is to assign men to men as it is good to have someone with similar struggles to talk to.

A sponsor is prayerful, attends Mass, Adoration, etc. Open to a new friendship, a good listener. Available for most weekly sessions on Wednesday evenings. Someone who would be excited to watch your own faith journey deepen as you witness your candidate's conversion. Someone who can be open to the R.C.I.A. process. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** For children in government schools, will be postponed due to the lockdown

**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** Parent-Child Workshop and ceremonies to be rescheduled after lockdown restrictions

**YOUTH MINISTER 2022:** Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Warragul and Drouin Parishes Youth Minister from January 2022. Current position is 8 hours per week equivalent but it is hoped that, in combination with some neighbouring parishes, multiple days can be offered to the right applicant. Expressions of interest: Deacon Mark Kelly 0427748646/ [Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au)

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** Operation Christmas Child, will you partner with us again this year to reach more children with the love of Jesus? Locked down? Pack online: for more information go to <https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Go to our parish website at **FORMED** <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. **This week: Presence Three Miracles of Happiness** <https://watch.formed.org/three-miracles-of-happiness>

**COVID SAFETY:** In line with current government restrictions.

**CHURCH:** Closed to No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

**FACE COVERINGS:** Face masks: must be worn inside and outdoors everywhere except your own home.

**FUNERALS (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR):** Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

**ADORATION CHAPEL** is closed for private prayer.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The pews in the Church have been moved for your safety. Please do not move the pews in the Church for your safety and it causes damage to the carpet.

**DIVINE AUSTRALIA KIDS PRESENTS:** 'A Bible Quest from the Bible Chest' For all children aged between 5 – 13, Every alternate Saturdays 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM (AEST) Via Zoom. Our next Bible Quest is on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Parents, to request an enrolment form for your child please contact: [divinekidsministry@gmail.com](mailto:divinekidsministry@gmail.com)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: 10 -12 September 2021 or a non -residential weekend: 16 - 17 October 2021 in west Gippsland. (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN** Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37 The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

**CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION** throughout the whole from 1<sup>st</sup> September ending 4<sup>th</sup> October with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis's landmark encyclical Laudato Si' and its teachings urge all of us to continue to proactively care for the earth and each other. The latest Living Liturgy issue listed various resources and online offerings to assist your parish in praying during this month of Creation and also to set some practical goals for sustainability and the care of our precious planet and all that it contains.

**YOUTH CORNER:** Meetings postponed until further notice.

**VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:** We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30<sup>th</sup>. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

**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](mailto:Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au) If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: Call 000