



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Third Sunday of Lent
Year B
7th 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

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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: 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

Saturday: 9.30am - 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 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 weekend, Pope Francis is paying a four-day visit to Iraq, (Friday 5th to Monday 8th March). This is the first ever papal visit to the country and his first international trip since the start of the pandemic. This trip is meant to reassure Iraq's dwindling Christian community and foster inter-religious dialogue. Please pray that this visit be very fruitful for all Christians in particular and for the whole world in general.

Last Sunday, we received sad news of the death of one of our retired and a very wonderful Irish priest in the diocese, Rev. Fr Thomas (Tom) Joseph O'Connell. He came to Sale diocese at the age of 23, shortly after his ordination and had 19 appointments over the period of 52 years of active priestly ministry. He retired in 2008 at Trafalgar where he spent most of his ministry. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday before he was laid to rest at the Trafalgar cemetery.

Please pray for the happy repose of his soul.
May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Amara Caringal, child of Gaylord & Michelle, Felix Archer, child of Young Angelo & Fatima, Eloisa Ibarra, child of Rafael & Milliejoy, Jericho Maguire, child of James & Danielle, Leandra Solidarios, child of Garry & Maryly, Dion Nieva, child of Darell & Li Fang, Zali Sasse, child of Daniel & Hazel and Indiana Daly, Martin & Alanna.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed this Monday 8th March for the Labour Day public holiday and Thursday 11th March from 10.00am for a Diocesan meeting.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Spend "One hour with Jesus" (8am-9am) here in the church, Tuesday to Saturday every week. The adoration will conclude with morning prayer from the divine office.

PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer on the way out to pray for them. Thank you

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 20th March to 27th March from 8.00am to 10.00pm every day. Extra evening Masses will be celebrated during this time on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 18th 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.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: Would you like to become an Altar Server? Father invites children in Grade 3 and above who have made their First Communion or who will be preparing for the Sacrament this year to come to a training session on Tuesday 16th March at 4.00pm in the Church. Current servers who would like more training are also welcome to attend.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people to gain access to education to build a brighter future and live-in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up for the Holy Land Commissariat at the Good Friday 3.00pm ceremony.

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 will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

JUNIOR RCIA 2021: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Registrations now open. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

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.**

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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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.

This week: A Lent to Remember

<https://watch.formed.org/a-lent-to-remember>

RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE CREED AT 9.00AM MASS: On 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent the RCIA Elect and Candidates participate in the Scrutinies. This rite entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass, and summarises our central beliefs as Catholics. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Registration forms are available via our parish website. Registration fee \$25 Classes Wednesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm **Grade 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the Parish Hall. Grade 3, 4 & 5 will be dropped off and picked up from the Church.** Any child not registered will not be allowed to stay for classes. Seven additional Catechists are needed to help, with RE Classes in term two. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Faustina.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you.

Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

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.

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.

YOUTH CORNER: Invigorate Youth: Welcome back from your long Christmas holiday. Next Sunday 14th March is your day! We shall meet in the parish hall from 12noon to 2.00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Sr Mary 5996 1985.

LAUNCH OF THE YEAR ST JOSEPH: Bishop Greg Bennet warmly invites you to the Diocesan Launch of the Year of St Joseph and of the new Diocesan resource for families 'Let's Connect!'. Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of St Joseph 4.00 pm Friday 19th March 2021. St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Queen and Witton Sts, Warragul. Registrations essential: Trybooking www.trybooking.com/BPIJ

FAMILY COUNSELLOR, BUSHFIRE RECOVERY -CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA: Full-time or Part-time, fixed-term position until March 2023.

East Gippsland. The Bushfire Response team was established to support, address and provide paths of assistance to people affected by grief and trauma within the bushfire affected regions in East Gippsland. The Bushfire Response program will provide an outreach mobile service to the community, with a particular focus on remote townships using a CatholicCare vehicle where Community Development activities, material assistance and referrals can be made from. This role will travel to Churches, Community groups, Sporting Groups, Schools, Festivals and Markets to support the community on a rostered and regular basis. Applicants are required to have a degree in Psychology, Counselling or Social Work with a proven track record in grief, loss or trauma counselling and relationship counselling to be considered for this role. Applications close: Sunday, 21 March 2021 For further details Visit "Careers" on the CatholicCare Victoria Website www.ccvm.org.au or on the Diocesan Website Job board www.cdsale.org.au/job-vacancies

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: Fr Tom O'Connell, Christopher Vincno, George Kovatt, Arnaud Le Merle, Cynthia Rebeira, Apole Polinaro

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Patrick Joachim, baby Varghese, Rex Pereira, deceased members of the Magsanoc family, Daphne Joachim

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

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 - 4 ^d Sunday of Lent Yr A					
		1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13	Eph 5:8-14	Jn 9:1-41	
6-7 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	R Trevisan	T Heldt, C D'Lima, A Simmons			
7.30am	B Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin			
9.00am	R Gimeno	D Barker, S Borsodi, J Raudino			
10.45am	R D'Mello	R D'Mello, R D'Mello, A Ortencio			
6.00pm	V Prasetyo	J Connell, T Hummel, Y Prasetyo			
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended				
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham			
CHURCH CLEANERS		Divine Mercy Group			
13-14 March 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers			Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	S Crinall	M Cincotta, A Hughes, L Lim			
7.30am	R Trevisan	M Soni, P Martin			
9.00am	L Adikari	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam			
10.45am	A D'Mello	S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero			
6.00pm	T Hummel	A Quintal, T Treacy, C Joseph			
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended				
CHURCH COUNTERS		D De Graaff, B Joseph, R D'Mello			
CHURCH CLEANERS		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:** 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>

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, 7TH MARCH 2021

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... ..

