



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
29th January 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 8:30am - 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 &
11.30am Funeral Mass

Saturday: 9:30am - In the Church & 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.

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 Sunday 29th January 2023 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

Dear Parishioners, The new school year resumes this week and we welcome back and pray for all our Parish schools, students, families and staff, Government and Private. We especially welcome and pray for those students, families and staff who are new this year.

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend of 4th & 5th February for Fr Stanly farewell. Donations can also be made through the Parish Office.

A farewell card for Fr Stanly is available in the foyer to sign.

A reminder that our at our Parish Feast Day celebration and Fr Stanly's' farewell will be celebrated on Sunday 12th February 2023, in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary. The celebration will begin with 10.45am Mass followed by a procession of the St Agatha' statue from the Church to the school hall, where we will share a multicultural lunch to celebrate the Cultural Groups that make up our Parish Community. We encourage parishioners to bring a food from their country to share at the celebration. To assist with catering we ask that you write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer. We invite children to come dressed in white or their First Communion outfits so that they can join in leading the procession to the Hall.

WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD: Liam Mose, child of Matthew & Natalie.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 31st January Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am and Friday 3rd February St Agatha's School will be celebrating a whole School Mass at 9.30am together with parishioners at morning Mass.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR RECONCILIATION after 9.30am on Friday 3rd February.

FUNERAL MASS for Frank Bolch will be celebrated at St Agatha's this Friday 3rd February at 11.30am.

ADORATION & MORNING PRAYER will resume on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

NOVENA TO ST. AGATHA will be prayed for nine days during Masses from this Friday 27th Jan – Saturday 4th Feb.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTERS are being compiled shortly, please contact the parish office if you wish to change your Mass times etc.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: A QR code has been created for your convenience if you wish to make a donation through CDF to support our Youth to travel to Lisbon for WYD. The QR code is available to scan in the Church Foyer and via our website.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH DANCE: Youth Fundraiser for fundraiser for World Youth Day. Saturday 18th February, St Peter's College, Cranbourne West. 1005 Cranbourne -Frankston Rd, Cranbourne West. Enter Navarra Drive entrance via Duff Street. Live band. Food for sale. BYO drinks. Adults \$30, Children under 16 - \$20, Children under 4 – free. Family - \$100. Tickets on sale this weekend after Mass and from the Parish Office.

PARKING ON CHURCH GROUNDS: The gardeners have requested, please do not park on grassed or island area in the middle of the carpark. Thank you

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: **Summoned to Life: Spiritual Foundations**

<https://watch.formed.org/into-life-love-changes-everything>

FORMED

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023: Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 8th February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 15th February at 7.00pm. **Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha's Church. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985

BIBLE STUDIES: Our parish will be holding another session of "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", studies. Beginning 19th February 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. This 8week session will give you an understanding of the bible narrative from Old Testament up to Jesus' time in the New Testament - in the Story of our Salvation. Please register your interest by 5th Feb by calling the parish office to order the study materials."

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. Please leave in the basket on the table in the foyer.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St Agatha's Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for children in Government Schools will resume on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 4.00pm. Registration can be made online https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid.841/id,18/view,formmaker/ or at the Parish Office.

RCIA MEETINGS resume this Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Classes 4th February 2023. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Groups around Australia have spent time in responding to the Document which reflect the voices of the People of God from over 114 countries around the world. A collation of the Australian submissions is being prepared for the Bishops from the Oceania region when they meet in Fiji in February 2023. Access the Document for the Continental Stage www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

USED BIBLES: Do you have any Bibles that you are no longer using. A parishioner is helping a charity in Fiji "Missionary Families of Christ" that is donating bibles to the catholic poor and to jail inmates who want to read the word of God. If you can donate a Bible, please leave it at the Parish Office.

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.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP: 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732; SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188; ORANGE DOOR: 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham



The Recently Deceased: Frank Bolch, Giuseppe Sirinni

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Annie Mary Rosevear, Felix Weinman, Heather Matthews, Giuseppa Di Pietro, Lilly Liveiro, Gerald Hermans, Angela Monaco, Fr Noel Mackay, Lorenz Jimenez, Sr Magdalene Yakubu SON, Sr Margaret Darcy RSM, Fr Maurice Carroll, James Breen

Those who are sick: Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Cynthia Leonard, Hercules Pillay, Connie McVicar, Max King, Philip Sgroi

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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

28 th & 29 th Jan 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	D Grace, A Hughes, C D’Lima
7.30am	P Joseph	T Heldt, L Jean Louis
9.00am	R Alejandro	I Lemalu, M Nieuwesteeg, T Dam
10.45am	M Thomas	M Gambin, E Mandividza, A Ortencio
6.00pm	E Abraham	J Connell, E Clinch, B Evans
CHILDREN’S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J McLean

ST AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE

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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

4 th & 5 th Feb 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	H Guerra	R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland
7.30am	M Vechoorettu	M Vechoorettu, T Heldt
9.00am	J Gunn	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam
10.45am	R D’Mello	M D’Costa, L Gillespie, R D’Mello
6.00pm	M Auvale	E Clinch, A Ulu, E Abraham
CHILDREN’S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A & R Simmons, N Jose

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.

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN: Mon 7:30pm Parish Hall Contact: Mary Krotwaar 0417 391 298

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

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 or Divine 0427 706 498

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

SANTO NINO: Mass last Friday of the Month: 7.00pm. Enq: Tulip Ramirez 0431 211 115

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: Resumes in February 2023. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future.

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>



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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.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

1Corinthians 1: 26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

