



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**First Sunday of Lent
Year A
1st March 2020**

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]

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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 Secretaries: Sue Ryan & 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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Friday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am

Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am

First Friday of the Month: 8.30pm - 9.00am

Adoration Chapel: 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

Healing Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at 6.00pm

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and all-night Adoration

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 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

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, We warmly welcome Fr Stanly to our parish and ask God's blessing on him and his ministry at St Agatha's. Thank you to everyone who assisted at the Ash Wednesday Masses and to everyone who helped make our Feast day a wonderful day filled with community spirit.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check out our new website. It has new features and a special page for news and events to keep you up to date with what's happening in our parish.

Our parish has a subscription to Formed, if you haven't signed up now is the time. I invite you go online and access audio talks, movies, e-books and videos etc. God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Grace, Heavenly & Alaki Yomum, children of Anwar & Krestina and Luna Lamattina, Matthew & Roxana.

OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9am Mass today. As they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale, please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP: 4th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and 5th March at 7.00pm. All children are to bring a 'special item' of their choice (something they really like) to this Parent-Child Workshop.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place this Friday at 7.00pm in the Church before evening Mass

NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we will walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins Sunday, 1st March 2020 at St Agatha's Parish Hall from 7.15pm. Cost \$55.00 including Workbook and Paperback book. Limited books have been ordered. For more information contact Parish Office on 03 5995 1985.

HEALING MASS: 1st Sunday of the Month, today Sunday at 6pm Mass.

MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will take place this Friday 6th March. It will begin with Rosary at 6.30pm, Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. **The all-night Prayer Vigil is held on the first Friday of each month.** All Welcome!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Mass of Reparation in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place Saturday 7th March, **after the 9.30am Mass.** This devotion includes the reciting of 1 Rosary and meditating on the other 3 Mysteries of the Rosary and concluding with a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Welcome.

CATHOLIC CARE CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP: If you attended this workshop last year, please collect your certificate from the parish office.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS WORKSHOP: If you would like to become a Lector or Extraordinary Ministers a training session will be held Thursday 19th March after the 7.30pm Mass. For more information contact Sr Faustina.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Guest speaker Sharon Boyd from ACU has been invited to come and speak to all Extraordinary ministers and those interested in taking communion to the sick on the 4th April at 10.30am till 12.30pm in the parish hall. Please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

HOURS OF GRACE: 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration will begin on Saturday 28th March to 4th April. Please register your name in a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer. Timesheets are on the table in the foyer of the Church.

SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions of the month of March: 6th

For those who have suffered abuse, 13th Thanksgiving for parish benefactors: 20th For those recently bereaved, 27th For those born in March.

CAR RAFFLE: 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6th June 2020.

SVDP is seeking a Secretary for its Conference. The person would need to be proficient in use of Microsoft Office, be able to take minutes and do some correspondence. Orientation would be provided. If you can help us please phone Mary on 5996 1758.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code.

2QKKNB Every week, Formed highlight different content.

This week: Forgiven – For children how to make a great confession.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/for-children-how-to-make-a-great-confession>

MENALIVE WEEKEND: March 14th & 15th at St Thomas Apostle, Clyde. For enquiries stthomasmengroup@gmail.com Charles on 0411 867 291 or Jamie on 0431 622 155.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: All volunteers must have attended one Child Safe Training session. If you were unable to attend the Child Safe Training session at St Agatha's parish. Please register online at <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>. For OLHC Narre Warren Thursday 12th March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14th March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21st March 10am-12.30pm.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director? Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

VOICE FOR LIFE: Please join us as we pray in the Chapel after mass on Tuesday's during Lent. Since Melbourne no longer has the 40 days Vigil, we will pray to support all fellow profite 40 days vigils.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Parishioners are invited this Friday 6th March to World Day of Prayer at St John's Anglican Church Cranbourne. Zimbabwe theme. For more information contact Diane on 0409 435 769.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE: Lenten Retreat by Father Elio Capra sdb. He is renowned for his welcoming and engaging style, using music, art and laughter to inspire and revitalise his audience. St Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North on Saturday 7th March at 10am for sign in for and morning tea. Cost: \$10.00 per person. To register contact Christine: 5998 0947 or email parish@stthomasap.org.au.

OLHC LENTEN MISSION: Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ will be conducting a Lenten Mission at OLHC in Narre Warren This Mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christians in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live our lives of faith more deeply. **Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April 2020.** Session times 10am to 11.15am and REPEATED at 7.30pm to 8.45pm. For more information please read the flyer on the notice board. Cost free

ABUSE AND FAITH: Has your faith been affected by the revelations of historical sexual abuse within the church? Are you affected by current or recent events related to this? If so you may wish to attend an open conversation around this, with Arda Tymensen, an experienced family counsellor, as facilitator. Where? The Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul. When? Thursday 26th March at 7.30 pm. The evening is being sponsored and offered by the Cyrenian Group of Warragul and Drouin, which offers listening and support to people suffering because of abuse. For further information ring 5623 1642 or Warragul@cdsale.org.au and ask for Joan or Fr Peter.

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC? Presented by Fr Paul Turner on Monday 16th March: 7.30 pm at St Patrick's, Pakenham. All welcome. See flyer on the notice board for more details.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Apply now for 2021 & 2022 next scheduled Tour on Friday 13th March at 9.30am & Sunday 22nd March at 10am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich.... All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. Go to www.palms.org.au or talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

Aid to the church in need: Invites you during the season of Lent to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

YOUTH CORNER: We encourage all our Youth members to participate actively in the Lenten program. We all attend the Stations of the Cross and meet straight in the Parish Hall for 30minutes. On First Fridays of Lent, the Meeting is after the evening Mass. I look forward to seeing all of you. Sr Mary Olofu. If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. All Welcome!



The Recently Deceased: Gerald D'Souza, Norma Nazareth, Carlos Santin

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Regina Tiongson, Carina Ubay, Santamaria Cimino, Sr Helen Eluma, Fr John Phelan, Chavez family, Anandappa Family, Soliman Family, Clarke Family, Fr Peter Dawson

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Martin Van den Broek

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 Secretaries 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 – 2 nd Sunday of Lent Yr A: Acts 2:42-27; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31			
29/1 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	L Lim	C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt	C D'Lima
7.30am	R Trevisan	L & S Jean Louis, A Quintal	K Martini
9.00am	P Joseph	T Dam, M & A Dam, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer	D Bobetic
10.45am	A D'Mello	J Thomas, N Atulia, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, P Schreurs, L & C Clark, C Tyminski	L & C Clark
6.00pm	J MacDonald	A Antony, T Hummel, J Seeborun, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		S Lucas	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, D Krella, T Maharaga	
CHURCH CLEANERS	2-7 March	L Nasalio	
7/8 March Rosters	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers
Sat Vigil	T de Pradines	M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, L Lim, T de Pradines	T Jolley
7.30am	P Condina	D Krella, L Adikari, volunteer	R Macapagal
9.00am	A Ah Sui	A Malia Ulu, D Barker, F Giummarra, G Spierings, G Nelson, S Borsodi, P Joseph	P & T Dam
10.45am	E Mandividza	L Tyminski, R Holsinger, L Fosio, M Gambin, E Mandividza, T Macharaga, K Johnson, T Nyerenyere	P & O Schreurs
6.00pm	C James	J Connell, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, A Antony	M Maroney
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Sr Victoria, F Dickie	
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J & M Laufou	
CHURCH CLEANERS	9-14 March	Atulia 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: Leo 5995 6813

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426973026.

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 Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & 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: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. 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: 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses are Live Streamed, for those parishioners who are home bound and unable to attend Mass. <https://www.youtube.com/StAgathasParishCranbourne>



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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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, 1ST MARCH 2020

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But, of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it

is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him. 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and the angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

Welcome to St Agatha's Parish! We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner forms are located on the Welcome stand or go to our website to register at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>