



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018**

**23rd Sunday of the Year
Year B
9th September 2018**

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH INFORMATION

Church: 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne

Presbytery: 131 Sladen Street

Parish Office: 1 Scott Street, PO Box 95,
Cranbourne 3977

Office Hours: Mon 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Tue to Fri 8.30am - 3.00pm

Office closed 12.30pm to 1.00pm

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Website: www.stagathas.org.au

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

Sisters of the Nativity:

Sr. Mary Olofu, Sr. Faustina Ede, Sr. Lucy Viashima

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Parish Child Safety Officers:

Mr Leonard Foo & Mrs Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Parish Secretaries: Susanne 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

West Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West

East 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

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

Dear Parishioners, Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend, please continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers!

Working together with Parousia Media, I am pleased to announce Fr Larry Richards will be coming to speak at St Agatha's Church on Friday 12th October at 7.30pm. Fr Larry will be speaking on the Family. The core of society is the family. As Blessed Pope John Paul the Great said: "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Today so many families are in need of healing, strength, and direction; this is what Fr Larry aims to provide. This talk will give families the inspiration and tools to go from good to great.

Entry FREE. For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cranbourne-the-family-with-fr-larry-richards-tickets-49376231638>

Please save this date in your diaries. God bless you all, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Oliver Watson, child of Daniel & Brittney and Charlotte Donaldson, child of John & Anna.

FIRST COMMUNION: During September the children from our Parish will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sundays at 2.00pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers

KERALA FLOODS: A special collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses for the flood victims of Kerala, India.

PWF: Thank you for your generous contributions of the Priest's Welfare Foundations last weekend.

SONAF: The Sisters of the Nativity Associate Friends are looking for more volunteers to join them. SONAF visits bereaved families after a death, we meet every second Friday of the month at the Sister Convent, Mass is celebrated 3 monthly. For more information contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

LECTORS & EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: A training session will be held for parishioners wishing to join these important ministries and for those already assisting and would like a refresher course. It is always important to make sure that we are fulfilling our duties correctly. The session will be held this Thursday 13th September in the Church after the 7.30pm Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETINGS: Saturday 15th September at 11.00am to 12.30pm for Altar Servers who serve at 9.00am & 10.45am Masses.

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: Friday 5th October 2018. All parishioners most welcome to attend this day as we are the family of God at St. Agatha's parish. It is through our families that God has invited us to be his peace and goodness. Adults and children will be in separate venues for this day. For further information please ring 0477 800 161. Please place your name on the list in the foyer for the Family Retreat Day.

VOICE FOR LIFE: Matt: 25:37- 46 44 "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and NOT MINISTER to your needs?" 45 "Amen I say to you, what you DID NOT do for one of the least ones, YOU DID NOT DO FOR ME." **MARCH FOR THE BABIES.** The least ones in today's world! The vulnerable, WILL YOU WITNESS for these babies? Join us October 13th at 1pm in the Treasury Gardens.

VOICE FOR LIFE MEMORIAL GARDEN: Anyone wishing to order a plaque for an infant for Memorial Garden wall, please contact the Parish Office or Maria on 0409 563 864 before the end of September.



THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. Intentions for the month of September: **13th For Divine Mercy**, 20th For rain in drought areas of Australia & 27th

For those who celebrated their birthday in September.



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.

Angles by Venerable Fulton Sheen. Are Angels More than Myth? Are angels more than a myth? In this week's FORMED Pick of the Week, Venerable Fulton Sheen explains the nature of angels and the very real role they play in our lives with his ever-present humour and captivating mode of speaking. https://formed.org/watch/59e7d8dbce31710007f834f?event_id=56f51f3c-dd98-4532-8ded-9d49f9395262&event_type=SEARCH

DIACONATE ORDINATION INVITATION: Parishioners are invited to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Stanly Devasia by Bishop Patrick O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Saturday 22nd September at 11.00am. Light refreshments after Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St Mary's Sale 1.30pm Sunday 16th September. See notice board in the foyer for more details.

A SHORT COURSE ON PREPARING & CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FUNERALS: The Centre for Liturgy (Australian Catholic University) will be offering a Short Course in Preparing and Celebrating Catholic Funerals in the Diocese of Sale. To be held at St Patrick's Pakenham. Over two days Saturday 13th October 2018. 9.30 am -1.30 pm with light lunch to follow. Sessions 3 & 4 Saturday 10th November 2018 9.30 am -1.30 pm with light lunch to follow. This short course is for clergy, pastoral associates, parish staff, bereavement teams, parishioners, funeral directors, and interested members of the public. The course fee is \$60. If you wish to attend contact the parish office on 59961985 or book online through ACU http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/centres/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses Bookings close 9th October.

KARDIA FORMATION is offering teachers a program of six small group sessions to explore the terrain of their inner teacher. This inward journey will be supported by individual reflection and group dialogue and framed in the broad context of relationship with God. Who is it for? Early Career Teachers group1, Refreshing the call to teach group 2. Terms 1 & 2 2019. Six sessions 4.40pm - 6.30pm Group 1: Mondays Feb 18, March 4 & 25, April 29, May 13 & June 3. Group 2 Thursdays Feb 14, March 7 & 28, May 2 & 16, June 6. Cost \$495. Kardia Formation P/L 197-199 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn. Participants may attend via video conferencing. For more information go to <http://www.kardia.com.au/heart-wisdom-teachers/>

YOUTH CORNER: Invigorate Youth: St. Agatha's and Divine Mercy youth groups meet every second Saturday (Excursions) and Fourth Friday (Incursion) of every month. Sr. Mary on 0469612956 or Tavonga Nyerenyere on 0488683256. If you are 18 years of age you will need a working with Children check which can be applied for online or if you need assistance please contact the parish office.

DIocese of Sale YOUTH L.A.M.P event for 13-25 will be held in Our Lady Help Of Christians Narre Warren on the 22nd of September 9.30am to 4.00pm. The day includes lots of guest speakers, the Youth Mission Team, sumo suits wrestling, music, drama, games, adoration and much more. If you have already registered with us, click on the link RSVP Form. If you not yet registered with us, our New Registrations Form Link is open for them. For more info contact Natalia Abraham, Youth Minister (Our Lady Help of Christians Parish) on natalia@olhc.org.au or call 03 9704 7935.

Recently Deceased

Paul Grech, Annie Lewis
 Matilda Pennaertz
 Brenda Fraser
 Pradeep Niyanage

Anniversaries:

Merlyn Thomas
 Frank Feeney
 Paciencia Malunes

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries

Saturday 6.00pm-- Cyril Mills [B'day Remb] Luigi, Lucia & Vincenzo Bucello [Remb] & Gino Raffa [B'day Remb]
 Sunday 7.30am-- Mrs Merlyn Thomas [Anniv] Pradeep Niyanage [3months Rec Dec]
 " 9.00am-- For the People of the Parish & Brenda Fraser [40day Rec Dec]
 Sunday 10.45am-- Orazio, Carmelo & Mattia Molino [Remb] & Frank Feeney [21st Anniv]
 " 2.00pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 " 6.00pm-- Adiel [Birthday] & Mary Jacob [Birthday]

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.30am-- Joji & Sandhya on their 13th Wedding Anniversary & Joshua on his birthday and Paciencia Malunes [RIP 5th Anniv]
 Tuesday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Wednesday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Thursday 9.30am-- Nikhil & Jancy Thomas on their birthday today
 " 7.30pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Friday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
 Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Holy Name of Mary
 St John Chrysostom

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Our Lady of Sorrows

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

Sick List: Fr Bernard Buckley, Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Godofredo Hilario, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul Arlette Lalouett, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Pearl Roussiyan, Fallon Weinman

With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Loved ones prayed for on the sick list will remain on the list for one month, unless advised otherwise.

Rosters for Ministries

8-9 September 2018: Lectors:

6.00pm: T Heldt M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal
7.30am: R Crozier R Crozier, S Jean Louis
9.00am: L Lim G Raudino, R Spierings, T Dam, M & A Dam, Y Shedden, T Marinelli
10.45am: E Mandizvda L Dunkley, Sr Faustina, R Jansz, L & C Tyminski, C Frenkel, L Fosio, M Gambin
6.00pm: A Ah Sui R Weinman, J Seeborun, R Alejandro, T Hummel, B Evans, A Joseph, C Joseph
Church Cleaners for the week 10th - 15th Sep: A Antony, R Holdenbottle, T Daly, R Bernard
Counters: R David, B Joseph, T Saldanha **Children's Liturgy:** T Christopher, C Poliquit

Extraordinary Ministers:

Welcomers:

R Estrada, M van Gunster
 K Martini
 J & H Speelmeyer
 P & O Schreurs
 L Booth

15-16 September 2018: Lectors:

6.00pm: D Hughes N Carter, S Joseph, A Quintal, R Weinman, K Jolley, Volunteer
7.30am: R Trevisan L & S Jean Louis
9.00am: R Spierings G Nelson, S Borsodi, T Nyerenyere, P Joseph, R Daly, D Barker, L Lim
10.45am: Youth Members Youth Members
6.00pm: R Alejandro V Prasetyo, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, L Tuffnell, A Antony
Church Cleaners for the week 17th - 22nd Sep: Afaese Family
Counters: M D'Lima, P De Reus, M Rodrigues **Children's Liturgy:** B D'Costa, Sr Faustina

Extraordinary Ministers:




Welcomers:

B Harris, E Hill
 L Adikari
 C Pocock, D Bobetic
 D Deri, R Afaese
 L Tuffnell

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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 Mary 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Lucy 5996 1985
ITALIAN ROSARY COMMITTEE: Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room. Enq: Teresa Marinelli 5996 1845
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: Tuesdays at 9.10am 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 1.15pm in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP: Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enquiries: 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. PETER'S FAMILY PRAYER GROUP: Last Friday of the month at 7.30pm at St Peter's College, CB East. Enq Jean-Paul 0421 645 909
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. Faustina 5996 1985
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

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 your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, 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 loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened'. And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread

"Be Opened"



"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.