



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Third Sunday of Easter
Year A
19th April 2026

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 Antony Rebelo

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Ajin Albarnas

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Faustina Ede &
Sr. Victoria Orinya

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mr Adam Dam

☎ 5996 1985

Parish Safeguarding Officer & Admin

Assistant: Mrs Michelle Murray [Wed & Thurs]

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

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

Acting Principal: Mr David Hansen

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 & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

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 Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by

Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

Adoration Chapel: Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass 7.00pm Healing Mass followed by

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 after 9.30am
Mass

Baptisms

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month,
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.

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, Clergy Retreat on 20th to 24th April 2026: The clergy of the Diocese of Sale will be on their annual retreat with Bishop Greg. There will be no weekday Masses during this time, except for Monday 20th at 9.30am & Friday 24th at 7:00 PM. Please keep all our clergy and priests in your prayers during their retreat. Fr Antony PP

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Maddison & Marli McKenna children of Liam & Taunya, Eliana Reyes child of Kenneth & Jaclyn, Lincoln & Millie Jordan children of Jonathan & Kate.

CONGRATULATIONS: James & Janet Kennedy, on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend across all Masses for the Education of Seminarians Bursary Fund.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES may be given on the 2nd collection plate over the next coming weeks. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 28th April at 7.00pm.

CELEBRATING SR. FAUSTINA'S SILVER JUBILEE: Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Sr Faustina on Saturday 16th May at 10.30am Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet. Followed by lunch at St Agatha's School Hall. Parishioners are invited to bring 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.

FIRST COMMUNION: Information Session and Parent Workshop: Wednesday 22nd April at 7.00pm or 29th April at 7.00pm. Parents need to attend only One session (no need to bring your child). Note that this night will be a combined Information Night and Parent workshop. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

BIRYANI SALE: CARITAS FUNDRAISER with a Biryani Sale after 10.45am Mass on Sunday 26th April. Please support this fundraiser. Thank you

CARITAS & PARISH FUNDRAISING: Sharon will be selling beautiful Mother's Day gifts ranging from \$8 to \$50 after 10.45am Mass on Sunday 26th April. **Cash only!**

PROJECT COMPASSION: We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. Project Compassion boxes can be *returned now*. \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you have requested a tax receipt they will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

DIGITAL KEY: If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately. If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS IS ON SUNDAY: 17th May 2.00pm at St Joseph's Warragul. Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. The newly Baptized and those received into full communion are invited to attend with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Wearing your stole. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. RSVP the parish office by Thursday 30th April.

FUNDRAISING: My Big Adventure, story book by Lorie Cotacte a parishioner of St Agatha's. A comforting story for

children, parents, and teachers to share, reminding little hearts: "You are perfectly made, and Jesus delights in you! \$13 proceeds of the book will be donated to the parish and Caritas. Contact Parish office.

LOCAL RESIDENT PARKING COMPLAINT: Please do not park in front of or across residential driveways. Your cooperation helps ensure safety and access for local residents.

ST AGATHA PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2026–2030: In early April, the Parish Pastoral Council will present the draft Pastoral Plan (2026–2030). Developed through prayer, reflection, and parish consultation following the Plenary Council, the draft outlines a shared vision and goals for our parish in alignment with the Diocese of Sale.

Parishioners are invited to: ♦Read and reflect on the draft ♦Share feedback and suggestions. Further details will be provided soon. Your voice remains vital as we shape the future of our parish.

PALMS: Two IMPACTFUL Sessions! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see www.palms.org.au/events

April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan this QR-

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here-

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



KARDIA FORMATION: Winter Guided Reflection – 2026. Heart Wisdom Graduates: Andrea Grant and Steve Nash. These guided reflections and conversations are led by Andrea Grant and Steve Nash. Wintering names a season of cold and quiet — a fallow time in life, where rest and waiting have their own purpose. Cost \$160

MAY 27 • ADOPTING A CONTEMPLATIVE STANCE

JUNE 3 • LEARNING TO LIE FALLOW

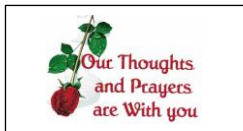
JUNE 10 • LETTING GO

JUN 17 • THE GRACES OF STILLNESS

Four weekly sessions (90 minutes - 7.30-9.00pm Australian Eastern Time) Enrol at: <https://therightdirt.com.au/booking> For teachers in Victoria: Accreditation - REC-024193

PARENT & CHILD SUPPORT COUNSELLING SERVICES: You are not alone. Reach Out. Offering free sessions at St. Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne. Available times: Friday 11:00am - 11.45am, 12:00pm - 12.45pm; Saturday 10:30am - 11.15pm, 11.30am - 12.15pm. For enquiries contact the parish office during business hours 5996 1985 Email or book online: info@hope-4-children.com.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. **SAFEGUARDING WWCC & NEW DIOCESAN PARISH CODE OF CONDUCT:** All parish volunteers are required by the Safeguarding Standards to have a Working with Children Check, and to sign the new Parish Code of Conduct. This is mandatory for all volunteers <https://www.stagathas.org.au/safety.html> Our Safeguarding Officer is Michelle Murray [Wednesday & Thursday] contact 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: Tasisio Paulo, Ben Martin, Virginia Mabitad, Patricia Rodrigues


Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Marie Jubb, Claire Oudin, Antonio Dela Torre, Cimino Family, Caterina Mandanici, Serge Alfred, Brian Rabot 1st, Usha James, James Thomas, Maxwell De Rosario, Gerald Desmear, CG & Tresa Anthony, George Kartheyedathus, Anna George, MP James, Marykuty James, Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Myrtle Whiteman, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari

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. 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 – 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

18 th & 19 th April	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	A Ah Sui	R Clarke, K Parrocho, Volunteer, R Trevisan, M Parrocho
7.30am	C Philip	R Beloso, P Joseph
9.00am	E Mandividza	Volunteer, K Auvale, C Pereira, A Dam, T Dam, C Noronha, volunteer
10.45am	Youth Group	A Hughes, M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu, L Cotacte, R Samson, J Raudino, volunteer
6.00pm	A Kumarasin	E Clinch, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE 

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
1st Friday of the Month

“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*

25 th & 26 th April	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, Volunteer, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland
7.30am	C Phillip	R Beloso, T Heldt
9.00am	P Joseph	L Joseph, E Mandividza, S Spaul, C Gostimir, M Gambin, C Pereira, Volunteer
10.45am	V Samson	M Sombilon, L Sombilon, J Raudino, A Fosio, C Noronha, I Lemalu, M Thomas
6.00pm	J MacDonald	A Kumarasin, C Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		B Joseph, R D'Mello, Mary Arul, G Philip

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:
Invigorate Youth -
ALPHA Session run for all ages! ALPHA is a place where young people can learn more about their Christian faith, amongst their peers!
All STAY activities are for ages 12 - 25 unless specified otherwise!
Follow us on Instagram! @stagathasyouthcranbourne

GROUPS & MEETINGS

- RCIA:** [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries Parish Office: 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
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.
- SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday 6.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Tuna Fuimaono 0499 333 996
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927
- YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
- INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1st Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: 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; Meeting 6.00pm
- CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND:** For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 5941 4100 for appointments.
- GODSTART:** Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact the Parish Office: 5996 1985
- LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Pracena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491
- HOLY SPIRIT HOUR:** Meeting 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz

 <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>  STAY  @StAgathasCP  **PARISH APP:** The parish APP is available from '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.

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

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>

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19TH APRIL 2026

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

PT 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who

raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and day is almost over.' So he went to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour