



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Year A  
26<sup>th</sup> 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]

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Email: [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

Website: [www.stagathas.org.au](http://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

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Parish Safeguarding Officer & Admin

Assistant: Mrs Michelle Murray [Wed & Thurs]

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Email: [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto: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: 9.30am

Wednesday: **8.30am**

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am & 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month after 9.30am  
Mass

### Baptisms

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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,** The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over four weekends in May 2026. This exercise is always undertaken in the same year as the National Census is conducted.

The National Count of Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over the first four weeks of May, with the first weekend of the Count taking place on 2/3 May 2026. We need volunteers at each Mass to assist us with the count. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Please note Mass this Wednesday will be celebrated at 8.30am as priests have a meeting in Warragul.**

Fr Antony PP

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Aries loata, child of Bryan & Tamirace, Amina Tipasa, child of Anzac & Elizabeth and Elijah Towns, child of Denise.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** today is Good Shepherd Sunday. A special collection will be taken up for the Bursary Fund at all Masses this weekend. This fund supports the education and formation of priests and seminarians in the Diocese of Sale.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**NEW LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER COMMISSIONING:** Will be held in May, if you have submitted a copy of your Working with Children card or signed Code of Conduct, please do so ASAP.

**CELEBRATING SR. FAUSTINA'S SILVER JUBILEE:**

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Sr Faustina on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 29<sup>th</sup> 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 today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 today. **Cash only!**

**CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** MAY cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be hosted by Legion of Mary.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 until Easter 2027. Meet at 4.00pm, parish hall. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**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:** 17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Trinity Families Appeal – 2026:** Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families

facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support.

Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. Special collection taken up 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

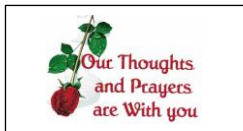
**PARENT & CHILD SUPPORT COUNSELLING SERVICES:** You are not alone. Reach Out. Offering free sessions at St. Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne. Available times: Friday 11:00am -11.45am, 12:00pm - 12.45pm; Saturday 10:30am – 11.15pm, 11.30am - 12.15pm. For enquiries contact the parish office during business hours 5996 1985 Email or book online: [info@hope-4-children.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Gilbert Canal, Sam Bamford, Lynette Datter, Connie Smith, Marietta Sequeira


**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Lisbey Couronne, Gabriel Orinya, Joseph Angello, Richard Lahausse, Maria Das, Antony Roberts, Joseph Manikombel, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Louis & Ivy Apollon, Bill Kleynjans 1<sup>st</sup>, Ricardo & Renato Bigoni, Cybil Phillips, Hubert & Otelia Concesso, Eward & Shirley Moor, Haze Carroll 1<sup>st</sup>, Mario Bracci, R Varghese Thengapurackal, Lucia Varghese, Anecita & Alexander Manteza, Norma Lazaro, Thengapurakkel family, Otto Harris, Felix Weinman, Cheriyparambil family, Silvia Rosario, Ron Harris, Norma Mills, Puliyanatha family, Hedley Weisshardt, Crispina Barroso, Kartheyedathu family, Patricia Silva, Sr Joyce Nongo, Fr Tim O'Brien, Fr James Martin

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter                      Acts 6:1-7                      1 Peter 2:4-9                      John 14:1-12

25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 Mandivdza, 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 VOICE FOR LIFE** 

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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*

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	T Ramirez	R Clarke, K Parrocho, volunteer, R Trevisan, M Parrocho
7.30am	M Natoli	L J Louis, M Vechooretu
9.00am	C Gostimir	A Ulu, Volunteer, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira, M Gambin, K Auvale, Volunteer
10.45am	M D'Costa	T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, M D'Costa, M Sombilon, L Sombilon, C Noronha
6.00pm	D Hughes	J Connell, E Clinch
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn

**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 6:30pm Parish Hall during school terms. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
- INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1Pt2:20b-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for

you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!***

### GOSPEL

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death ... ..

