



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A
3rd May 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

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Parish Safeguarding Officer:

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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: 9.30am & 11.30am funeral

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am & 11.30am St Peter's Glowrey House

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: 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.

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.



WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD:

Chryzelle Membrere, child of Marion & Melanie.

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.

DONATIONS FOR SR FAUSTINA: We are celebrating Sr Faustina's 25th Jubilee in recognition of her years of dedication and service. If you would like to contribute, donations may be dropped off at the parish office at your convenience. Thank you for your support.

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.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND: Children preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION: Parent & Child workshop Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm or Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: This Sunday after 10.45am Mass will be hosted by Legion of Mary.

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS & ENVELOPES are being prepared and will be available from the foyer next weekend.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 6th June 2026 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: 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.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: All parishioners are invited to spend an hour with the Holy Spirit, to be held twice monthly every 2nd and 3rd Thursday (except school holidays). **Starting Thursday 14th May and Thursday 21st of May, 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church.** The hour will include a short video teaching on the Holy Spirit by Franciscan priest Fr Dave Pivonka, Adoration before

the Blessed Sacrament, prayer & song. This month's topic is 'God's Love Poured Out'.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS STORY, exploring the life of so relevant to us today You are invited to an online presentation. **Presenter:** Joshua Lourensz, 13th May 2026, 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm, Online. Register at: tinyurl.com/376vubez

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.



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 23rd & 24th 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



May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan

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

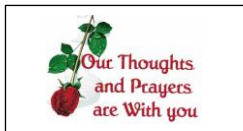
JUN 17 • THE GRACES OF STILLNESS

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> 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: Gilbert Canal, Sam Bamford, Piuti Lesoa, Joe Simmons, Colleen Neeamuthkhan, Jenete Fernandes, Tumema Tuigamala


Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Antanas Laugalis, Marcus Usprich, Chris Duke, Sr Theresa Nezan, Vincena & Gaetano Pantorno, Maria, Joi & Joe Zappia, Lilly Puspum, Parumanphu Emmanuel, Usha James, James Thomas, Shane Fernandez, Frank, Lyn & Ashley Chatelier, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Emilia Morin, Dorothy Gonsalvez, Maria Das, Antony Roberts, CG & Tresa Anthony, Joseph Desmier, Jane Noronha, Kathrine & PJ Thomas, Dean James Hegarty

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 – 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Peter 15:15-18 John 14:15-21

2 nd & 3 rd 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 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*

9 th & 10 th May	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	M Parrocho	Volunteer, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland, K Parrocho
7.30am	M Lutu	H De Costa, M Natoli
9.00am	E Mandividza	C Pereira, E Mandividza, K Auvale, C Noronha, volunteer, A Dam, M Gambin
10.45am	A D'Mello	T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino, T Nyerenyere
6.00pm	T M Ancajas	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin
CHURCH COUNTERS		C & M D'Lima, L & P Joseph

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS: YOUTH CORNER STAY (St. Agatha's Youth), invites all young people ages 12-30 to attend our sessions throughout May! We cannot wait to get to know every young person in our parish! For any enquiries, please get in touch with the Parish Office!

Follow us on Instagram! @stagathasyouthcranbourne

MAY DATES

Invigorate (Ages 12 - 18), Sun 3rd May 12pm-3pm
Topic: “Is it hard to be Catholic at school?”
St. Agatha's Parish Hall

Adoration + Praise and Worship, Fri 8th May, 7:30pm-8:30pm
Mass - 7 PM

Adoration - 7:30-8:30

Invictus (Ages 18 - 30), Fri 8th May 8:30pm-9:30pm
Lectio Divina
Youth Mass, Sun 17th May, 10:45am

STAY Choir singing

Invigorate (Ages 12 - 18), Sun 17th May 12pm-3pm
Legion of Mary Session

St. Agatha's Parish Hall

Invictus Lasertag (Ages 18 - 30), Fri 22nd May 7:30pm
\$30 for 3 x 10 minute sessions

Le Mans, Dandenong
Limited to 22 participants, RSVP Megan ASAP

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 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

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

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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>

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3RD MAY 2026

FIRST READING

ACTS 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That

means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We eat this Bread