



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
5th July 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

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: Mrs Anita Hughes

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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

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: 9.30am & 10.30am Willow Wood Aged Care

Thursday: 9.30am & 12 noon Funeral

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 9.00pm

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, this weekend the Catholic Communities across Australia mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC week.

Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On! Calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia.

A guest speaker Michael Murphy from Freedom Publishing will be speaking at all Masses this weekend except the 7.30am Mass. Michael will speak about YOUCAT and set up a bookstall for sales. The piety stall will be selling YOUCAT for Kids and YOUCAT for Youth at a subsidised price from 12th July. Fr Ajin, Assistant Priest

WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD: Rudy Puts, child of Mark & Kristy.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend for Peter's Pence.

FUNERAL MASS: For Jean Sylvio Durand will be celebrated at St Agatha's this Thursday 9th July beginning with Rosary at 11.30am followed by funeral Mass at 12 noon.

SAFEGUARDING: Parish volunteers, all clergy, parish employees, volunteers involved in children's ministries and those who are due to complete training as part of the three-year refresher cycle. Will have received an email from Safetrac Safeguarding Training on 1st July 2026. This is not a **scam**, online training is a compliance requirement, we encourage you to complete the training module **ASAP**. A reminder that anyone who has not yet completed the 2025 Safetrac training will still need to complete it, in addition to the 2026 training that was released on 1 July 2026. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to creating safe and welcoming parish communities. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Anita or the parish office.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE – BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on a transformative journey through the pages of Scripture as we delve deep into the heart of God's Word. Led by renowned teacher Jeff Cavins, this enlightening study will unlock the mysteries of the Bible, revealing its profound truths and timeless wisdom. **Dates:** July 19th to August 16th. **Time:** Every Sunday from 4:00 pm to 5:30pm **Venue:** Parish Hall. Bible study workbook can be purchased through the Parish office. Discover the coherence of the Bible and its relevance to your life today. Whether you're new to Scripture or have studied it for years, this study promises to deepen your understanding and enrich your faith journey. Please register by contacting the Parish office on (03) 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: JULY cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be hosted by Parish Choir.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: Thursday 16th July 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church. Fr Ajin speaks on "The Holy Spirit in my life". Includes Adoration, prayer & praise hymns. All parishioners are invited to spend an hour in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION AND PARENT WORKSHOP: Wednesday 15th July 7.00pm and Wednesday 22nd July 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISING: BYRYANI + BUTTER CHICKEN SALE this weekend after the Saturday 4th July 6pm mass and the Sunday 5th July, 9am, 10:45am and 6pm masses. Please contact Anthony 0492908539 or Danielle 0479057744.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY: Pope Leo XIV has designated Sunday, 26 July 2026 as the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, with the theme "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).

In preparation we invite you to join us in making this day special.

- We invite families to attend a weekend Mass with their grandparents on Saturday 25th July or Sunday 26th July.
- Grandparents to email a photo of themselves with their grandchildren. Please make sure you have the parents' permission to share via social media.
- Children are encouraged to make a card for their grandparents to give them at Mass or for an elderly person who may experience loneliness, isolation, or vulnerability, while celebrating the wisdom, faith, and contribution they bring to our communities. For the later these cards can be dropped off at the parish office.
- A gathering for the grandparents and elderly will be held after each Mass on the weekend. Saturday 6.00pm in the Church foyer, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am and 10.45am in the parish hall. Sunday 6.00pm in the Church foyer. **Parish groups are invited to host and bring a plate to share after weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.**
- More exciting news and information in the coming weeks.

ST VINNIES FOOD BIN: "Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time." If you'd like to help the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

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.

FREE: Depend Incontinence underwear for someone in need. Please be assured your privacy will be respected. Please contact the parish office.

MARY MACKILLOP: A SAINT OF OUR TIME Explore Saint Mary MacKillop's legacy and learn how to draw inspiration from her life to make a meaningful difference today. Presenter: Sr Rita Malavasi RSJ (over 30 years in ministry and prominent refugee advocate). Thursday, 6th August 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Online. Registration: cdsale.org.au/events 03 5614 5163 newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan.

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness. Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you? <http://www.aidtochurch.org/>

NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS- Pope Leo XIV has released his historic first encyclical, 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' Our bishops have warmly welcomed this crucial message. Everyone is highly encouraged to read their full response and explore the encyclical's teachings by visiting the Catholic Diocese of Sale website: www.cdsale.org.au/news/

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. Our Safeguarding Officer is Anita Hughes [Wednesday] 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: Sylvio Durand, Margi Guise, Michael Gomes, Florence Dias

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Tudor Lynch, Antoinette & Joseph Angello, Richmond & Sabine Chavry, Ray Nino Embradura Ted Rodrigues, Restituto Borg, Piuti Lesoa, Noreen & Clive Sneyd, Elsie Hotham, George Kartheyedathu & Anna George, Joseph Desmier, Maxwell De Rozario, Frank & Mignoune Yates, Trevor & Gladys Thomas, Maria Das, Antony Roberts & grandparents, Cyril Noronha, Mignoune Cecilia Yates, John Larkin, Neil Phillips, Thengapurackal R Varghese & Lucia Varghese, Jacobus Banen, Fr William Hannify, Fr Matthew White, Fr John Heffernan, Fr John Bolger

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Frs. Michael Willemssen & Peter Slater,

*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 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

4 th & 5 th July	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	M Parrocho	B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim
7.30am	F George	M Natoli, M Lutu
9.00am	C Gostimir	J Prasetyo, K Auvale, M Gambin, Y Prasetyo, M Krotwaar, T Dam
10.45am	J Raudino	MG Sombilon, M D'Costa, C Noronha, R Papiernik, J La'Brooy, D Dsouza, T Nyerenyere
6.00pm	R Gimeno	C Joseph, E Clinch
CHURCH COUNTERS		K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello

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

11 th & 12 th July	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	R Sutherland	M Parrocho, K Parrocho, R Clarke, B D'Souza, M Thomas
7.30am	M Natoli	M Hanger, D Dsouza
9.00am	E Mandividza	C Gostimir, C Pereira, C Noronha, A Dam, S Spaul, P & L Joseph
10.45am	T Ramirez	M Thomas, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte
6.00pm	D Hughes	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, volunteer

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS: YOUTH CORNER STAY (ST. Agatha's Youth), invites all young people ages 12-30 to attend our sessions 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

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 1800 123 338 or 1800 522 076 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>

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 5th July 2026

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread

