



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
12th 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 Liturgy of the Word with communion

Wednesday: 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with communion

Thursday: 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with communion

Friday: 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
& 7.00pm Mass

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, the priests of the Diocese Sale will be away from Monday to Friday afternoon on Clergy in Service. Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 9.30am and Friday at 7.00pm. During the week the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30am Tuesday to Friday. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

A message from Bishop Greg, regarding the SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X:

In recent days, we have learned about the consecration of four bishops in the Society of St Pius X (the Society) that occurred without a mandate from the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and against his earnest entreaty for the Society to retrace their steps. As a result, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith has exercised its authority and declared this to be a schismatic act. It means that the bishops who performed the consecrations and the four priests who were consecrated have been excommunicated. It also has implications for the members of the Society of St Pius X. Catholics are encouraged to remain in full communion with Pope Leo XIV and the wider Catholic Church. For some members of the community this means refraining from participating in Society of St Pius X ceremonies. Those who are affected by this situation or seeking guidance are encouraged to speak with their local parish priest.

We keep Pope Leo XIV, those involved in the SSPX, and all who are experiencing confusion or distress at this time in our prayers. May the Lord grant healing, peace, and unity to His Church.

A pastoral letter to support our prayerful reflection on this matter is available from the table in the Church foyer.

Fr Ajin, Assistant Priest

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable work of Pope Leo. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

RITE FOR THE COMMISSIONING of Lay Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will take place at 10.45am Mass today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES resume this Wednesday 15th July at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

RCIA: Meetings resume on Wednesday 15th July at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

JUNIOR RCIA: Classes resume on Saturday 18th July 2026. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

DIVINE KIDS for Sunday Bible Classes: For Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall after 9.00am Mass. Help your children to grow and connect with their faith. A lesson focused on the bible, prayer and activities.

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.

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.

Parish groups/families are invited to host the gathering after each Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share after weekend Masses.

Grandparents & the elderly are invited to join us as a Lector or read the prayers of the faithful at Mass on the weekend 25th/26th July. A clipboard is available in the Church foyer to write your name down.

- 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.

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

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR - Thursday 16th July 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church. The hour includes a video teaching on the Holy Spirit by Franciscan priest Fr Dave Pivonka, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayer & song. All welcome. **Apologies: Fr Ajin's talk is postponed to a future date TBC.**

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

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES - The Secret to Love that Lasts: Enrichment Day for Couples is based on the international bestseller



by Dr Gary Chapman. Marriage Encounter for 27 years. Deb & Paul bring the concepts of the book alive in a humorous and relatable way as they share their own experiences **9 am-5 pm, Sat, 15 August 2026 @ St Eugene's Retreat & Conference Centre, 45 John Field Drive, Newborough (Gippsland) VIC 3825 Cost: \$60**

per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon tea) <https://www.trybooking.com/DMSUR> Maria & Andre Rasquinha E: andreasquinha@yahoo.com.au T: 0411 225 992

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, Patricia Rosario, Margi Guise, Paul Lyon, Philip Cecile, José Laverdure

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Claire Manuel, Michael Gomes, Doris Gardener 1st, Ronald Gardener, Tina D' Souza, Tracey Rose, Davie Wookey, Kathrina & PJ Thomas, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Thengapurakkel Family, Gravel Leveque, Lorence Mira 1st, Cheriaparambil family, Abraham Thomas, Raphael Illiparambil, Richard McFarlane, Wally Nicholas, Maive Meerwald, Fr John Allen, Fr Michael McAlroy

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Frs. Michael Willemsen & 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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

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

18 th & 19 th July	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	J Mathew	C D'Lima, R Trevisan, R Clarke, B D' Spouza, M Thomas	-
7.30am	C Beloso	Carmel Beloso, R Beloso	L Tyminski
9.00am	Volunteer	C Noronha, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir, C Pereira, K Auvale, A Ulu	C Gostimir
10.45am	Youth Group	A Hughes, M D'costa, MG Sombilon, L Sombilon, J Raudino, A Fosio, Melodina Thomas	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	T M Ancajas	J La Brooy, C Joseph	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		G Philip, B Joseph, R D'Mello	

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

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!
[@stagathasyouthcranebourne](https://www.instagram.com/stagathasyouthcranebourne)

PARISH 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**

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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



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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>

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 12th JULY 2026

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty, Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour



The field is the world



The good seed are the sons of the kingdom.



The weeds are the sons of the evil one

Matthew 13:38

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