



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
26th 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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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

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 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

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY DAY!

Dear parishioners, today we celebrate Sixth the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). According to Vatican News, this theme is both a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and elderly people, as well as a reminder to families and communities not to forget them, but rather to recognise them as "a precious presence and a blessing" (Deborah Castellano Lubov, Vatican News, 10 February 2026). You are invited to join us for a cuppa after Mass 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.

Farewell to John McDonald: At the end of this month, we bid farewell to our Parish Maintenance Officer, John McDonald, as he retires after many years of dedicated service to St Agatha's Parish. Much of his work has taken place quietly behind the scenes, but his efforts have contributed greatly to making our parish a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained place for worship and community life. On behalf of our parish community, I extend our sincere gratitude to John for his faithful service and dedication. **We will bid farewell to John after the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday, 26th July 2026.** Thank you, John, for all that you have done for St Agatha's Parish.

Happy 40th Birthday, Fr Ajin! We warmly wish Fr Ajin a very happy 40th birthday as he celebrates this special milestone on Saturday, 1 August. We thank God for the gift of his priesthood and his dedicated ministry at St Agatha's Parish. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health, joy, wisdom, and abundant graces in the years ahead. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in celebrating with Fr Ajin at the Saturday morning Mass, followed by cake cutting and light refreshments in the Foyer.

We wish Sr Faustina God's abundant blessings as she leaves for Nigeria from 1 August to the end of October 2026 for her annual holidays. During her visit, she will have the opportunity to spend time with her family and friends and joyfully celebrate the 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) of her Religious Profession. May the Lord bless her with a safe journey, and a grace-filled Jubilee celebration. We look forward to welcoming her back to St Agatha's Parish in October.

National Vocation Awareness Week from 2nd August to 9th August, we celebrate the National Vocation Awareness Week.

Have a blessed weekend. Fr Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Hayley Caspersz, child of Jamie & Brianna, Brett Johnson, child of Andrew & Christine, Isaac O'Brien, child of Thomas & Brooke, Lucia Hosmillo, child of Lucky & Donnabel and Beatrix Matig-a, child of Yong Angelo & Fatima.

POSITION VACANT – Parish Gardening and Property Support. A position has become available based at St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. This role is to provide gardening and general maintenance work for the Parish grounds and properties. The position is part-time, 2 days a week 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au by Friday 7th August 2026. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office via email or directly on 03 95996 1985.

GODSTART: Volunteers are required to drop off Godstart cards for children celebrating their birthday in your area. Every month from ages 1-5. These children have been baptised St Agatha's. Usually, three to four cards a month.

COUNTING TEAM: We require a volunteer to assist on a counting team once every 3 months please contact the parish office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Mothers Who Pray for their Children will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle next Sunday 2nd August after 9.00am & 10.45am Mass. A representative of the group will be speaking at 9.00am and 10.45am Mass.

THE MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN movement warmly invites all parishioners for the upcoming Formation Gathering, to be held on Sunday 16th August 2026 at St Michael's Catholic Parish. The theme for this year's gathering is "Eucharist: God's Gift, Encounter with Christ". The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet. This gathering is open to mothers, grandmothers, and all those interested in growing deeper in their faith and understanding of the Eucharist. Sunday 16th August 2026, 8:30am to 3:45pm, St Michael's Catholic Parish, 33-35 Kay Street, Traralgon. Registration via TryBooking QR code on the flyer in the foyer. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1601802>

THE APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: You are invited to The Apostolate of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to introduce the Miraculous Mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe which has been endorsed by Bishop His Excellency Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iñiguez Archbishop of Guadalajara,

Mexico. Saturday 1st August 2026 after 9.30am Mass. Blessing of Miraculous Mantle. For more information contact Marina 0426 094 319

DIVINE KIDS - Sunday Bible Classes: No classes today due to grandparent's day in the parish hall.

DIVINE KIDS will be hosting a Retreat on the 'Eucharist' for children and teens (ages 5 to 15) in August. A 2-day Retreat. August 22 and 23, 2026 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton. For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

A FAREWELL CARD is available in the foyer to sign for John MacDonald. John has resigned from the parish maintenance position has last day working in the parish will be 31st July.

ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY: As part of St Agatha's 50th Anniversary celebrations, we're gathering stories from past and present students, families, and staff. We'd love to hear about your time at St Agatha's — the moments that shaped you, the friendships you made, and the memories that still make you smile.

Your story can be shared in any format that suits you: written, a voice recording, or a video message or just a photo. These will become part of our anniversary exhibition, celebrating the rich history of our school community.

What are your favourite memories of St Agatha's Primary School? We'd be delighted if you shared your story with us. Please email your story to info@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au by 5th August, 2026.



All verified stories will be shared at our event titled Symphony of Stories on August 26, 2026 in the school Hall. Use this QR code or link to open the form <https://forms.gle/JBV7CrKBSZyjqxf8>

YOUCAT BOOKS: For sale at the Piety Stall. YOUCAT Youth Prayer Book provides an easy introduction to an active prayer life and a personal relationship with Jesus \$16 and YOUCAT for Kids is an inspiring and easy to understand introduction to the teachings of the Catholic Church for children \$31.

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.

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 news@cdsale.org.au

NATIONAL CENSUS (Tuesday 11 August 2026). The national Census is an important opportunity for everyone in Australia to be counted and represented. The information collected helps governments and community organisations - including churches - plan for services, infrastructure, and support in our local areas. **We encourage all members of the Sale diocese to take part in the Census and include your religious affiliation.** Your response helps ensure that our faith communities are recognised and supported in future planning.

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.

SAINTS OF ITALY & FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL PILGRIMAGES: Saints of Italy (2nd - 16th October 2026) Fr Franco Filipetto from St. Mary's Parish in Warrick, invites you on a 14-day pilgrimage to Milan, Padua, Florence, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Rome, walking in the footsteps of the saints. All-inclusive price: \$9,990 (20+ pilgrims).

Footsteps of St Paul (5th - 19th October 2026) Fr Sebastian A.M from St. Mary's Parish, Dandenong invites you on a 15-day pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, visiting Athens, Corinth, Meteora, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Gallipoli, Ephesus, Istanbul and Cappadocia. All-inclusive price: \$9,790 (20+ pilgrims). Enquiries: 03 8839 6615 | pilgrimage@magiholidays.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. 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: Emilie Rebelo, Rito Embradura, Fr Philip Falcao, Wilfred De Waas

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Franco Bernon 1st, Dorothy O'Callaghan, Ricardo Palarca Sr. Edward and Magdalene Thomas, Leo & Mary Dougherty, Nachitram Moses, Bob Arokiswamy, Antonio & Anna Marie Menezes, Benjamin Combes, Tristan Sampang, Paulino Templa Manila, Edmundo Lim, Teresa Davies, Guadalupe Sachrez, Concetto & Carmelo Sottile, Mario Balberona Vincent Satuala Atulia Joseph Sandanasamy, Greta & William Jacob, Marie Jacinta Ashton, Andrew & John Jacob Theyyamma Joseph, Connie Smith, Clive Lloyd, George & Dora Phillips, Kathy & Wally Matthews, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Preston Matthews, David Wookey, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reg Wilson, Fr Francis Feruga S. Chr.

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

*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 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21

25 th & 26 th July	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Trevisan	A Hughes, L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho, K Parrocho	-
7.30am	Y Shedden	C Beloso, P Joseph	P & L Joseph
9.00am	H Guerra	M Gambin, Y Prasetyo, D Dsouza, M Krotwaar, M Dam, T & A Dam	S Spaul
10.45am	L Gillespie	C Noronha, R Papiernik, J La Brooy, T Nyerere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero	R Lupeamanu
6.00pm	J MacDonald	B D'Souza, E Clinch	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn	

1 st & 2 nd August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	H Guerra	B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim	-
7.30am	C Gostimir	L Joseph, T Heldt	L Tyminski
9.00am	A Ulu	S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira, K Auvale, M Gambin	D Krotwaar
10.45am	J La'Brooy	M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	J MacDonald	J MacDonald, volunteer	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		C D'Lima, M D'Lima, L & P Joseph	

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: 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>

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 26th JULY 2026

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. ***R.***

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. ***R.***

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. ***R.***

Your will is wonderful indeed: therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this;

those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.
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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..

