



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
9th August 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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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

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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 & 10.30am Willow Wood Aged Care

Thursday: 9.30am & 11.30am St Peter's [Church]

Friday: 9.30am, 12.15pm St Therese's School Hall,
12.30pm St Agatha's School [Church] & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am **Holy Day of Obligation**

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 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – August 15 a Holy Day of Obligation

Dear parishioners, August 15th we celebrate The Feast of the Assumption, one of the most important feasts of our Lady. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 966). It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. "On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day" (Pope Benedict XVI).

As Mary's Assumption was a reward for a holy life, this feast invites us to keep our bodies pure and holy. We are given an assurance of hope in our resurrection and a source of inspiration during moments of despair and temptations.

In honour of this feast, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Friday 14th August at 7.00pm and morning mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15th August at 9.30am in the church. There will be evening prayer at 6.30pm on Friday 14th and morning prayer on Saturday 15th August at 9.00am. **Wish you all HAPPY FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**

Fr Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Ellison Ogriman, child of Eddison & Lalaine, Lillie Lang, child of Benjamin & Victoria, Shiloh Schwallie, child of Marsh & Jessica and Mateo Ramos, child of Chrisopher & Kacey.

SPECIAL COLLECTOR: Will be taken up this weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

CONFIRMATION: Parent and Child Workshop Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August at 7.00pm St Agatha's school.

PRAYER CARDS: Please collect a prayer card for a child making their Confirmation and pray for them. Cards are available from the table in the foyer.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: 7:30 – 8:30 pm Thursday 13th August in the church. Video teaching on 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' - by Franciscan priest Fr Dave Pivonka followed by Adoration & personal prayer. All parishioners welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO: For elderly volunteers and those who do not have access to a computer. Friday 14th August at 11.00am please register your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer or phone the parish office to register.

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Plaques for Memorial Garden. If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, still birth, sids or other and wish to order a plaque for the wall in the memorial garden. Please contact the parish office before the 30th September 2026 so the plaques will be ready for the Mass of the Angels on the 21st November.

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: *Diocesan Pilgrimage:* Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. This pilgrimage is a sacred journey – not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only Church in the diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. **Schedule of Events Friday, October 2nd 6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale).** A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word transitus is Latin for "passing over" or "transition." It commemorates St Francis' passage from earthly life into eternal life with God. **Saturday, October 3rd 8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale) 12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)** Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese. **Blessing of Pets (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)** - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass! **Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (Benambra Footyclub)** - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share. **3:00 PM – Conclusion (Immaculate Conception, Omeo).** Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure. Location Information St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale. St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra. Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo. All are warmly welcome to be part of this unforgettable diocesan pilgrimage. CARPOOLING may be a way to share the transport. For more info www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi

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

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.

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>

DIVINE KIDS - Sunday Bible Classes: For Ages 5-12 today 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.

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

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 11th 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/JBV7CrKBSZyquxf8>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines. In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled. **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.

WALKING THE WAY: EXPLORE THE RCIA JOURNEY: RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams, and interested parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop that aims to deepen your understanding and share experiences of the RCIA journey. **Presenters:** Dr. Alice Youlden & Joan Robertson. Saturday, 5th September 2026, 9:30 AM arrival for a 10:00 AM start (Concludes at 2:00 PM). The Marian Room (St. Joseph's Church, Warragul. Enter car park from Bowen Street) Phone: 03 5623 1642 Email: warragul.rcia@cdsale.org.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: Gony Usaraga, Domenico Costanzo, Christopher Angelo

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Lomaga Alefosio, Michael Gomes, James Thomas, Alvin & Teburcio Gelbero, Charles Sequeira & Sequeira & D' Souza families, Joe Martins, Mr Andrade, Cyndhra & William Middleton, Maxwell & Philip Rosenfield, Maria Pallada, Prose Cerna, Zelda Finkelstein, Floresto Pallada, Marlene Fernandez, Orazio Molino, Gwen Desmier 1st, Francesco & Maria Bellinvia, Orazio Puliafito, Francesca Calderone, Denise Dyndiah, Daphne & Alphonso Louis, Evelio Campos, Antoinette & John Crasto, Mrs Andrade, Rylen & Joseph Crasto, Steny Martins, Walter Martin, George Kartheyedathu & Anna Geore, Bonaventure D' Souza, Thengapurackal, Lucia Varghese, Evelyn Stevens, Thengapuakkel Family, Rhea D' Costa, Catherine & James D'Rozario, Ivan Perera, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Fr Donal Madigan OMI

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 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:6-7

Rom 11:13-15,29-32

Mt 15:21-28

8 th & 9 th August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	S Crinall	R Sutherland, M Parrocho, K Parrocho, R Clarke, M Thomas	P & L Joseph
7.30am	R Trevisan	L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu	B Duyvestyn
9.00am	T Dam	A Ulu, C Noronha, Y Prasetyo, volunteer, M Krotwaar, C Pereira, M Dam	R Lupeamanu
10.45am	T Nyerenyere	M Thomas, A Fosio, R Papiernik, J La'Brooy, D Dsouza, T Nyerenere, S Lucas	A Karunda
6.00pm	J La'Brooy	A Kumarasin, B DSouza	P & L Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J Bourke	

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

MASS FOR THE UNBORN
– 9.30am Mass

1st Friday of the Month

“ Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace, the greatest destroyer of love”

Mother Teresa

15 th & 16 th August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Trevisan	B D'souza, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, R Clarke, M Thomas	-
7.30am	M Lutu	H De Costa, M Lutu	-
9.00am	R Gimeno	A Dam, S Spaul, volunteer, volunteer, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir	C Gostimir
10.45am	Youth Group	A Hughes, M Thomas, N Atulia, L Caballero, M D' Costa, T Lupeamanu, R Samson	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	T M Ancajas	C Joseph, E Clinch	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Noronha, T Trevisan, Z Zavarko	

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS: YOUTH GROUPS

INVIGORATE [Age 12-17] Meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am mass.

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th Friday of the month 7pm

Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony - 0492908539

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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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th Friday of the month at 7.00pm. Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony 0492 908 539

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: 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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@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>

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 9th August 2026

FIRST READING

Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to

them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death... ..

