



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
16th 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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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

Thursday: 9.30am & 2.30pm Regis Aged Care

Friday: 9.30am & **6.30pm**

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

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Matteo Townley, child of Julian and Victoria and Jasmine Hayer, child of Sandeep & Faiza Riaz.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church. All parishioners welcome. **20th August:** 'The Holy Spirit in my life' with Fr Ajin followed by Adoration & anointing prayer.

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: This Thursday 20th August, arrival 8.00am for 8.30am start to 3.00pm parish hall.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER cuppa after 9.00am Mass in the parish hall on the First Sunday of the month will be hosted by SVDP and Voice for Life groups.

SINGERS AND MUSCIANS NEEDED TO BEGIN CHOIR FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Do you have the gift of singing or playing any musical instrument? You are invited to join the newly formed St Agatha's Parish Choir which will have her practice on Saturday 12th September at 11.30am in the Church. Do not hide your gifts but put them to use for the praise of the Lord, who has blessed you with those gifts. The letter of St Paul to Ephesians 5:19. Says: sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. **"He who sings,"** said **St. Augustine, "prays twice"**. If you play a musical instrument, please contact Rudolf on 0411 033 343 or singers contact Sr Victoria or parish office on 5996 1985.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA: CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope. For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

COUNTING TEAM: We require a volunteer to assist counting and recording Stewardship envelope giving with a team, rostered 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.

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 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.

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

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.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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

FAMILY HEALING MASS: St Peter's Prayer Group invites you to a Family Healing Mass. Monday 17th August 2026. Fr Jude Agorchukwu 6.00pm Reconciliation, 6.30pm Rosary, 7.00pm Praise & Worship, 7.30pm Mass and Adoration, Benediction & healing prayers. St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Road, *Bentleigh East*. *Light refreshments in the McKenna Centre, Please bring a plate to share.*

LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT: Single Catholic lady looking for a room to rent. Please contact the Parish Office 5996 1985.

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: Therese Leclerc, Emili Rebelo

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Angelina Peterson, Mario Johnson, Patrick Perera, Henry Gunasekara, Jovito Villarente Snr, Miguela Villarente, Estelita Robins, Clive Lloyd, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Giovanni & Giuseppa Lina Piciola, Alexander Manteza, Antonio Macrohon, Judith Gazik, Noel Hotham, Linus Johson, Cheriyparambil family, Richard Lahausse, Bill Ainsworth, Abraham Thomas, Clifford De Rozario, Charles Lovett, Puliyanatha Family, Filomena Paris, Philo D'Cruz, Kartheyedathu family, Sylvia Payet, Fr Thomas Shearman

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 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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 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

22 nd & 23 rd August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho, R Clarke	-
7.30am	P Joseph	D Lutu, M Natoli	P & L Joseph
9.00am	J Gunn	K Auvale, C Noronha, A Ulu, M Gambin, Y Praseto, D Dsouza, M Krotwaar	S Spaul
10.45am	A D'Mello	L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino, L Sombilon, A Fosio, R Papiernik, J La Brooy	R Lupeamanu
6.00pm	R Gimeno	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & R Afaese, M Vechoorettu	

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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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>

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 20th August 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..

