



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
23rd 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 & 11.30am St Peter's Kolbe & Augustine

Friday: 9.30am, 11.00am Mercy Place Aged Care & 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: A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parish volunteers and parish staff for all your hard work in setting up and hosting our New Parishioners Dinner.

Your time, effort and warm hospitality helped make the evening a welcoming and enjoyable occasion for everyone. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, meet our new parishioners and build connections within our parish community. We are very grateful for all that you do behind the scenes and for the generous way you continue to support our parish.

Thank you for helping make the evening such a great success!

Fr Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Ysabelle Perez, child of Lawrence & Maria, Trey & Jax Henry, children of Tiarna-Lee Wilesmith and Kiara Don Paul, child of Chanaka & Shashini.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER ROSTERS are being compiled this week, please contact the parish office if you will be away or wish to make a change to your rostered Mass time, thank you.

PLEASE HELP: We are collecting items for our Cent Night in October and wonder if anyone has any NEW items they can donate, preferably boxed. You all know that this is a family night, but also a fund raiser and all. The money raised goes back to the church. Please leave any donations with the office. THANK YOU

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.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate to share.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS 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.

COUNTING TEAM: Thank you to the parishioners who offered to join the counting team, a new roster will be compiled shortly.

POSITION VACANT: World Youth Day Project Officer – DOSCEL Office.

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/> Applications close Monday 31 August 2026 at 2.00 pm. DOSCEL is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all children and young people. Successful applicants will be subject to child safety screening processes, including Working with Children and police checks. Go to our parish website for more information.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION: Care for Our Common Home. Join us online to better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth—our common home—in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility. Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans (Parish Priest at St Patrick's, Pakenham) Wednesday, 16th September 2026. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Venue: Online. Registration: tinyurl.com/4tx834yp

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 hichaaba@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

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

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC SINGLES AND YOUNG ADULTS AGED 21-40! You are invited to join us for the Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) Singles Conference **RADICATI IN CHRISTO (Rooted in Christ)**. To be rooted is to grow deep, anchored in Christ so firmly that we remain unshaken through every storm, every dry season, every distraction. Because when we're rooted in Him, we grow whole and bear fruit that lasts. | **What to expect:** Engaging talks and testimonies, praise and worship, Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration, and of course - fellowship and food! | **When:** 26-27 September 2026 | **Where:** Don Bosco Retreat Centre | **Register now at** <https://bit.ly/SC2026registration> or scan the QR code on the poster!

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy (including priests from overseas) and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priests-welfare-foundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.



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: Kevyn Duke, Filomena Qualizza, Alwin Phillips, Dorella Renault

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Wilfred De Waas, Albert & Richard McFarlane, Illuminada Salas Penaflor, Mariyam & Thomas Kottarathil, Sequeira & D'Souza families, Liston Spink, Yvette & Sydney Laverdure, Frank & Mignonne Yates, Trevor & Gladys Thomas, Maryanne Pyndiah, Hedley Weisshardt, Rita Perera, Alan Phillips 1st, Jesu Mary, France Donaldson, Fr Patrick Cremin

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Fr 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 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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	

29 th & 30 th August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	L Lim	K Parrocho, B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan	
7.30am	T Heldt	C Gositmir, volunteer	
9.00am	P Joseph	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, P & L Joseph	D Krotwaar
10.45am	J Gunn	D Dsouza, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, R Samson	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	L Piedad	J La'Brooy, C Joseph	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, C & E Moore	

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"

St Mother Teresa

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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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>

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 23RD August 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'.

'But you', he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So now I say to you:

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour... ..

