



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
27th September 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, 12noon Funeral
& 6.30pm Healing Mass

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
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

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

Dear parishioners, we welcome Bishop Antony Valunkal, Auxiliary Bishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Verapoly, Kerala, India.

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope saint Pius Vth in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on 7th October 1571 which stopped the Turkish invasion of Europe. According to a legend, in 1214, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to saint Dominic Guzman and instructed him to pray the rosary as an effective antidote against heresies. In 1917, when our Blessed Mother, in her apparition to the three shepherd children, asked them to "say the Rosary everyday". She told them again, "pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners. I am Our Lady of the rosary".

MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF ROSARY: Pray a Rosary daily for everyone who owes you an apology, forgive them even if they are not sorry. **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US**

Important Feasts and Memorials of this week

29th September – Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

30th September – Memorial of St Jerome

1st October – Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower)

2nd October – Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

4th October – Memorial of St Francis of Assisi (Blessing of Pet Animals at 2.00pm)

Fr Ajin will be taking his annual leave in Rome from 1st October to 31st October. We wish him a safe and restful holiday and a blessed time away. Please keep Fr Ajin in your prayers and we look forward to welcoming him back to our parish in November.

Please note no Adoration this week at 8.30am from Tuesday to Thursday.

Morning prayer will be recited at 9.00am – 9.15am

Fr. Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Eliana Lucas, child of Ian & Ma Noreen and Noah Ewan, child of Neil & Rachel.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Danny Seveall & Maliacensustina Soseu on their recent marriage.

FUNERAL MASS: Funeral Mass for Nicola (Nick) Zappia will be celebrated on Tuesday 29th September at 12noon, with Rosary at 11.30am.

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY: Bishop Greg Bennet will be celebrating Mass today Sunday 27th September at Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. 1.30pm. Cultural attire. Please bring a plate to share.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S GATHERING: Navigating the unseen, Women leading with resilience, celebrating the strength, resilience and expanding horizons of women in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. A diocesan women's gathering and formal dinner is being organised for Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm St Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham \$30 per head. Hosting international speaker Dr Kim Daniels (Georgetown University, Vatican Dicastery of Communication) Capacity is strictly capped at 150 seats. Secure your place before 4th October at www.trybooking.com/DOZKU

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON: Exploring the Parts of The Mass. Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Join us to explore *what* we do and *why* we do it—from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing—so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence. At **OLHC Narre Warren (Our Lady Help of Christians):** Saturday, 10th Oct 2026, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Register online: cdsale.org.au/events or Phone 03 5614 5163

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 Friday 20th November.**

BORN ALIVE LEFT TO DIE: Private screening on Wednesday 7th October at 7 - 8.30pm at Winepress Church in Berwick. Born Alive Left to Die exposes the devastating reality of late-term abortion in Australia and the lives affected by practices few are willing to confront. This documentary reveals what happens when babies survive abortion procedures, the trauma faced by medical staff and families, and the legal and political frameworks that allow these outcomes to continue in silence. Through firsthand testimony and expert insight, this episode uncovers a truth many Australians have never been told: that children born alive after failed abortions can be denied care and left to die.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026: Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria. Saturday 10th October 2026. Meet at 1pm Treasury Gardens (Corner Spring St & Wellington Pde) Please wear pink or blue, for information see the flyer on the Church notice board.

HEALING MASS & PRAYERS: Fr Rojan George & Fr John Jose Vettiyanal will be celebrating a healing Mass & prayers at St Agatha's this Tuesday 29th September from 6.30pm.

CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING: Parishioners are invited to bring their pets for a blessing on Sunday 4th Oct at 2.00pm.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL: Faith in Action, change start with you. St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High Street, Berwick. Ages 13 to 30. Saturday 21st November. Scan QR on the poster to register.

RE CLASSES: Resume Wednesday 7th October at 4.00pm.

RCIC CLASSES: Resume Saturday 10th October at 4.00pm.

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE is a global spiritual initiative encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary daily for peace, conversion, and the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. All St. Agatha's parishioners are welcome to participate in the Rosary Crusade, where parishioners host Our Lady's statue for a week. They pray the Crusade prayers daily, offering intercession for peace and conversion and personal intentions. Beginning Saturday 3rd October before 9.30am Mass. After the week, the statue is returned before the 9: 30am Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Prayer booklet will be available to take home with Our Lady's statue.

LEGION OF MARY: A video to learn more about the Legion of Mary will be played at all Masses on the weekend of 3rd & 4th October.

NEPAL FLOODS: Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal

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.

CENT NIGHT is a wonderful evening of **family, community, fun and fundraising**, and your generosity will help us raise much-needed funds towards our **church renovation and carpark projects**.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun-filled CENT NIGHT on Saturday 24th October at St Agatha's School Hall.

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.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: Urgently needed for a single mother with 4 children who attend St Thereses' & St Peter's college. Contact the parish office 5996 1985.

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Bus Saturday, October 3rd for 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. **Bus passengers please arrive at 5.15am for 5.30am departure to OLHC Narre Warren pick up passengers to Benambra, convenience stop over at Traralgon, then onto Benambra. Leaving Benambra at 2.30pm for departure back to Cranbourne.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL: bishop Greg Bennet will lead the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to **World Youth Day in Seoul**, South Korea (2027). Open to young people **aged 16 (as of 01/01/2027) to 35 years:** youth leaders, young teachers, parish and school leaders and Clergy. The tentative pricing per pilgrim is **\$5000**. This is inclusive of the registration fee, accommodation and travel. **Expressions of interest are currently open and can be completed at this link:** <https://forms.gle/xwabD2HuVe9jgnp77>, or scan the QR code

CATHOLIC MISSION: This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au/united

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN

PRAYING THE ROSARY: From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying "When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

WATCH IGNITE BRISBANE LIVE – FREE: Through Shalom World, young people can register to watch Ignite Brisbane live for free and also receive access to recorded talks, rallies and study guides following the conference. Register <https://shalomworld.org/ignite-talks>

The Recently Deceased: Nicola (Nick) Zappia, James Movaes,

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Julieto Morales, Constanca Palarca and Ricardo Palarca Sr, Usha James, Riccardo & Renato Bigoni, Eugenio, Santa Maria & Antonio Cimenio, Lindsay Rugho, Rose Mendes, Thengapurackal family, Hedley Weisshardt, Puliyannath family, Sr John Mary Vianney, Jeremy Soyza, George Thomas, Paily Mathai, Joy Martin, Thomas Williams, Kartheyedathu family, Cheryl Gabell 1st, Sr Marianne Eymard, Fr David Verlin

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, Dominic Mammone, Anthony & Valerie Reynolds

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 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

26 th & 27 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, R Sutherland, Volunteer, L Lim, Volunteer	
Sun 7.30am	F George	L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu	P Joseph
9.00am	M Duke	M & A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, K Auvale, C Gostimir	D Krotwaar
10.45am	L Caballero	A Fosio, R Papiernik, J La'Brooy, D Souza, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia	
6.00pm	Volunteer	A Kumarasin, Volunteer	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS			

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

3 rd & 4 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	L Lim, volunteer, R Clarke, volunteer, B D'Souza	L Joseph
Sun 7.30am	M Natoli	H de Costa, M Lutu	B Duyvestyn
9.00am	A Ulu	C Pereira, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, S Spaul, M Krotwaar, C Gositmir	
10.45am	M D'Costa	M D'Costa, L Caballero, R Samson, L Cotacte, M G Sombilon, J Raudino, L Sombilon	
6.00pm	R Gimeno	J La'Brooy, B D'Souza	
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, J La'Brooy	

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: Rosalie 0435 949 006 or Lorie 0400 346 029

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: Anthony 0492 908 539 or Parish Office 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

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

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:

Upcoming Meetings!

Sun 20/09, 12:30pm - Invigorate youth (12+)

Fri 25/09, 7:00pm - Invictus youth (18+)

Fri 09/10, 8:00pm - STAY Adoration

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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@StAgathasCP STAY

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>

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>

26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 27TH September 2026

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on

a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..



Which one did his father's will?