



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18th October 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]

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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, 11.30am Funeral

& 6.00pm St Peter's Graduation

Wednesday: 9.30am & 12noon St Therese's Chapel

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am, 11.00am Mercy Place Aged Care
& 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: No Reconciliation on 23rd Oct

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

MISSION SUNDAY 2026: Dear Parishioners, today, over one billion Catholics all over the world observe as World Mission Sunday. This annual observance was instituted in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be **"One in Christ, United in Mission"**, to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support children to access education through the work of Fr Matthew Semba at St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in the diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi.

All missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food, medicine and means of livelihood.

Special Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Catholic Mission. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and to the people of Malawi. Donation envelopes are available from the foyer if you wish to donate by credit card. **HELPING HANDS ARE BETTER THAN PRAYING LIPS.**

St Agatha's Parish Pastoral Plan 2026-2030 – Your Feedback Matters

Dear parishioners, our Parish Pastoral Plan Framework team has prepared a draft of the Parish Pastoral Plan 2026-2030 for parishioners to read and provide feedback.

This will be available on the parish website this weekend. All parishioners are warmly invited to read the plan and share their feedback by scanning the QR code provided. The Plan outlines our vision and priorities for the next five years. It focuses on deepening faith, strengthening parish leadership, welcoming everyone, engaging young people and families, building stronger parish-school relationships, and reaching out to the wider community. Your feedback is valuable in helping us shape the future of our parish and strengthen our life of faith and community. ***Please submit your feedback by 31 October 2026.*** Thank you for your participation and support.

This Weekend, we warmly welcome Fr Manny Lomagno, a retired priest of our Diocese, who will be celebrating masses while Fr Ajin is away. We are grateful for his ministry and wish him a blessed and joyful time with our parish community.

Congratulations to our graduates: We extend our warmest congratulations to the graduating students of St Peter's College, Cranbourne West Campus, as they celebrate their graduation on Tuesday 20th October. May God bless each graduate as they embrace new opportunities and continue their journey with faith and confidence. God Bless you

Fr Antony, Parish Priest

The Sunday Faith Corner by the parish priest

St Agatha's Parish Pastoral Plan 2026-2030 - (Condensed Edition for Diocesan Review)

1. Introduction

This Parish Pastoral Plan (2026-2030) is the fruit of prayer, consultation, and discernment, developed in alignment with the Diocese of Sale Pastoral Plan Framework (2026-2030). It reflects the voice, faith, and lived experience of the wider St Agathas Parish Community. This Plan invited all parishioners to actively participate in the life and mission of the Church, recognising that each person has a unique role in building up the Body of Christ.

Within this context, St Agatha's Parish recognises the need to:

- Strengthen spiritual life and faith formation
- Build and inclusive and welcoming community
- Engage young people, families, and schools

2. Mission

- Grow in faith and prayer.
- Build a welcoming and inclusive community.
- Form leaders and encourage participation.
- Support young people and families.
- Strengthen parish-school collaboration.
- Share the Gospel through service, justice and evangelisations.

The goals that were discerned during the Parish listening process and developed into this document have been condensed into the following three goals:

1. Learn: Develop faith and spiritual growth as an inclusive and welcoming community
2. Grow: strengthen existing relationships between the parish and School.
3. Sustain: Safeguard the future of the church through youth and family engagement.

(The remaining sections of this Parish pastoral Plan (PPP) will be published in next weekend's bulletin) – Parish Pastoral Plan Framework Team

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Lorenzo Brancatisano, child of Julian & Jessica and James Muldoon, child of Thomace & Emma.

FUNERAL MASS will be celebrated this Tuesday 20th October at 11.30am for Jean-Marc Gresle, with Rosary at 11.00am.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER: Cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Will be hosted by the Santo Nino group

BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to join us for a single session of JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF MARY Sunday 25th October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. For bookings contact the Parish Office on 59961 985.

ROSARY AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place on Sunday 8th November 2.00pm at the Cranbourne Cemetery.

POSITION VACANT: Cleaner/Housekeeper for the parish office, providence house, hall and presbytery. 7 to 10 hours a week. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE will be celebrated at 9.00am Mass this Sunday for RCIA & RCIC participants, they will publicly declare for the first time their desire to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for those who are preparing and help us to welcome and support them as they join us on our road to Heaven!

MORNING RETREAT WITH MARY: Monday 16th November at St Agatha's 9.30am Mass, celebrated with Fr Peter Ferwerda. MMP Cenacle Rosary and reflection on a reading from the Blue book. Adoration. Followed by tea & coffee.

CENT NIGHT: Saturday 24th October at 7.00pm St Agatha's School Hall. All Welcome! Join us for a fun filled family evening. Great prizes, 2 Smart TVs, Microwave, Coffee Machine, Electrical items, toys and giftware and much more. Proceeds go to our church renovation. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985 to book a table. \$25 for a table of 10 or \$5 per person.

VOLUNTEERS BBQ: Save the date Friday 13th November after 6.00pm Mass. More information to follow.

ALL SAINTS - ALL HALLOWS: "Halloween" a day to honour all saints in heaven. Children and adults are invited to come dressed as their chosen Saint at Mass on Saturday 31st October at 5.00pm for Saints gathering and blessing. Mass at 6.00pm Mass with a procession, following Mass fellowship and saintly games in the parish hall. Please bring a plate to share.

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF TA'PINU SHRINE AUSTRALIA: St Agatha's Parish will be hosting a Rosary Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Ta'Pinu Shrine at Mirrurnu, Victoria. A bus will be travelling to the shrine for Mass and Rosary. **Bus departing Saturday 31st October the from the Church at 9.00am.** BYO lunch, departing shrine at 2.30pm for trip home. **\$22 per head.** For expression of interest, please write your name on the clipboard in the church foyer or contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: We are in need of babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. Please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

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.

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH WYD DINNER DANCE: It's back by popular demand! St. Agatha's Dinner Dance is returning on Saturday 5th December at St. Peter's College Cranbourne West! Join us for a fantastic evening of music, dancing, food and fellowship for the whole family. Proudly supporting St Agatha's Youth WYD27 Fundraiser, this is an event you won't want to miss! **TICKETS - Adults \$30, Children (under 16) \$15, Children (under 4) free or a Family of 5 DEAL (2 adults + 3 children under 16) \$95.** Tickets are on sale now, with food pre-orders available! Check out the flyers in the church foyer for more information or contact Anthony Krotwaar on 0492 908 539

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE: 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. During Saturday in October. After the week, the statue is returned before the 9.30am Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Contact Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491.

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.

SHINE THE LIGHT: Theme: Shine on the World Like Bright Stars. As our October journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues, we keep our focus firmly on nurturing safety, dignity, and genuine care throughout our community. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week, our theme invites us to "Shine on the World Like Bright Stars," echoing this Sunday's Gospel acclamation. The gospel reminds us to give to God what belongs to God, Christ calls us to honour the divine image stamped upon every human being. When we reflect God's love through integrity, empathy, and positive action, our lives shine like beacons of hope—showing what it truly means to uplift, protect, and respect one another.

Attention Parents! Children must be accompanied to use the restroom. The safety of your child is important to us.

FAMILY IN DANGER: The Line is a government website aim at children as young as 14, promoting sexual behaviours unsuitable to Catholic teaching. Please sign the petition in the Church foyer.



The Recently Deceased: Josephine Lyons, Jean-Marc Gresle, Denzil Fernandez

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Pearl Wickremasinghe, Sybil Reincastle, Donato Forlano, Greta & William Jacob, Abraham Thomas, Linus Johnson, PV Francis, Francesco Torcasio, Galileo Domantay, Gracito Hernandez, Thengapurackal & Lucia Varghese, Carlo Santo, Mercedes Mejia, Bagma D'Silva Andrew, John Jacob, Eustice Silva, Thengapurakel family, Oscar Weng, Elizabeth Terri, Emili Rebelo, Adleno Voshamosimus, Filomena Gos, Tarina Weng, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Alan Hotham, Clancy Carr, Cheriyparambil family, Kathy, Wally & Preston Matthews, Viktor Baskijera, Alicia Culpin, Paul Morin, Jean Marcel Dantier, Luke Robin, Fr Peter Curran

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Cathy Lucas, Fr Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a, Anthony & Valerie Reynolds, Pope Leo, Ronnie Barrie, Rissell Barrie, Judith Potori

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 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thess 1:5-10

Mt 22:34-40

17 th & 18 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Trevisan	R Clarke, B D'souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan	
Sun 7.30am	C Gostimir	D Dsouza, C Beloso	L Joseph
9.00am	T Dam	C Noronha, K Auvala, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, Y Prasetyo, M Krotwaar	S Spaul
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, A Hughes, M Thomas, N Atulia, L Caballero, R Samson, J La'Brooy	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	T Marris Ancajas	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin	A Kuranda
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn	

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



24 th & 25 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, R Sutherland, L Lim, Volunteer, Volunteer	
Sun 7.30am	R Trevisan	C Gostimir, C Beloso	
9.00am	H Guerra	T & M Dam, A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira	D Krotwaar
10.45am	P Schreurs	M G Sombilon, L Sombilon, J Raudino, A Fosio, C Noronha, R Papiernik, Volunteer	
6.00pm	A Kumarasin	J La'Brooy, C Joseph	A Kuranda
CHURCH COUNTERS		C & M D'Lima, L & P Joseph	

ST AGATHA'S PARISH HALL FOR HIRE:

Our Parish Hall is available for hire to parishioners for family functions, celebrations, meetings and gatherings. Parish events and activities have first preference for hall bookings. Enquiries Parish Office on 5996 1985

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: Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:

Upcoming Meetings!

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 Follow us on Instagram!

@stagathasyouthcranbourne

WYD Dinner Dance 5th December 2026 @ St Peter's College contact Anthony

@StAgathasCP



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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.



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

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>

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 18TH October 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

R.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King.' He will judge the people in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread



**Give to
God
what
belongs
to God**