


# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**Year A**
**8th November 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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**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
Friday: 9.30am & **6.00pm**
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,
Rosary and blessing of the graves in the Cranbourne Cemetery on Sunday, 8th November at 2.00pm.

A special thank you to all the parents, children and Divine Kids team for organising the All-Saints Day. It was heartwarming to see the children dress up as their favourite saints.

Please Note that The Rosary will be recited on every Friday of November, evening at 6.30pm at the Memorial Garden for all the departed souls, followed by mass at 7.00pm.
Fr Antony Rebelo, Parish Priest

**The Sunday Faith Corner by the parish priest.**
**SHOULD CATHOLICS RAISE THEIR HANDS DURING THE OUR FATHER?**
The Our Father is prayed at a sacred moment in Mass, just before Holy Communion. In the Roman Rite, the traditional posture for the faithful has long been hands joined or folded. This expresses reverence, humility, and focus. The posture of raised hands belongs to the priest, who prays on behalf of the Church. The Church's liturgical instructions assign this posture to the priest, not to the congregation, and they do not ask the faithful to raise their hands.
The custom of lay people raising hands became common in recent decades, largely through charismatic prayer settings. While this can be meaningful in personal or group prayer, the Mass follows specific norms because it is the Church's public worship. Still, Catholics are encouraged to respect the Church's discipline and preserve unity.
This is not a matter of doctrine. Grace does not depend on hand position. What matters most is praying with humility and love. The most fitting posture for the faithful remains hands joined, while charity and unity should always guide how we worship together.
What hand posture were you taught to use during the Our Father at Mass?

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Niah Lora, child of Lester & Frame and Elena Petrovitsos, child of Stan & Elizabeth.
**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 7th & 8th November for the Military Ordinariate.
**FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA.** Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026. Bishop Greg's Letter copies available from the parish foyer or parish website.
**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** are available for collection from the Church foyer. If you wish to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact the parish office.
**Please contact the Parish Office. SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Divine Mercy will be hosting a sausage sizzle next Sunday 15th November after the 9.00am & 10.45am Mass.

**POSITION VACANT:** Cleaner/Housekeeper for the parish office, providence house, hall and presbytery. 7 to 10 hours a week. Applications closing Wednesday 11th November. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

**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.
**VOLUNTEERS BBQ:** Save the date Friday 13th November after 6.00pm Mass. For catering purposes please write your name and how many attending on the clipboard in the Church foyer.
**FEAST OF ST CECILIA** is the patron saint of Choirs. Choir members are invited to Mass on Saturday 21st November at 6.00pm followed by supper, please bring a plate to share.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**: Our Conference will again be distributing Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children 0-14 years of age. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them in the baskets on the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** St Agatha's Parish Christmas Carols, Saturday 12th December 6.45pm to 9.00pm as St Agatha's car park. Mass will be celebrated **at 5.30pm.** Volunteers needed as ushers, car park attendants, set up chairs. Please write your name and phone number on the clipboard in the foyer.
**ALL PARISH GROUPS:**Prayer Groups, Youth, PPC, Finance Council, Santo Niño Group, Divine Mercy – are kindly requested to send your Yearly Planner for 2027 to the parish office as soon as possible so it can be included in the parish calendar.
**VOICE FOR LIFE:** Mass of the Angels Friday 20th November at 7.00pm in the church, for all family members who have suffered the loss of a child in the womb or in infancy.
**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.

**NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Parishioners wishing to offer Masses for their family and friends can fill in the November Offering envelope. Envelopes can be placed on the ***Presbytery collection plate over the next couple of weeks.*** These Masses will be offered over the next couple of months.

**RALLY AGAINST FREE ABORTION:** We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines. **Join us outside Victorian Parliament on Tuesday 10 November, from 6–7pm**, to show our political leaders that the protection of unborn children matters to Victorians. **Tuesday** 10 November 2026. **Time** 6:00pm – 7:00pm. **Location:** Outside Victorian Parliament, Spring Street, Melbourne.
**NAMES ON THE CROSS:** Traditionally during the month of November, we pray for the departed souls in purgatory. Parishioners are invited to place the names of their deceased relatives and friends on the cross in the Church to be prayed for during the month of November.
**JOIN DIVINE KIDS FOR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES:** Ages 5-12, St Agatha's Parish Hall 10.00am to 10.45am. During school terms. Free: 40 minutes of activities, games, prayer and a session focused on the Gospel. For more information contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or divinekidsministry@gmail.com
**FUNDRAISING: "My Big Adventure",** story book by Lorie Cotacte a parishioner of St Agatha's. A comforting story, embracing that "You are perfectly made, and Jesus delights in you! $13 proceeds of the book will be donated to the parish and Caritas. Contact Parish office.

**YOUTH CORNER:** St Agatha's Youth will be hosting food for purchase after all Masses this weekend Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November to launch WYD 2027.
**ADVENT WREATH MAKING:** Saturday 28th November in the parish hall.
**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

**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. **Attention Parents! Children must be accompanied to use the restroom. The safety of your child is important to us.** 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:** Terry Harvey, Fr Brendan Lane, Logammal

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Cesario Javier, Michael Gomes, Kartheyedathu Family, Kathrina & PJ Thomas, Francis Vas, Gino Raffa, Vincenzo & Sebastiana Bucello, David Wookey, Darryl & family members, Lindsay Rughoo, Teresa Highland, Mignoune Cecilia Yates, Elena, Anacleto & Froilan Fabillar, Mario, Primetiva & Carlito Legado, Sanbuenaventura Family, Reginald Besterwitch, Usha James, James Thomas, Frank Vernon Yates, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim Oswald Andrade, Sanasee Family, Neil Andrade, George Kartheyedathu, Anna George, Rita Casey, Mgr John Cunningham, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr John Gavan, Fr Daniel O'Reily

**Those who are sick:** Pope Leo, Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlaine, Cathy Lucas, Fr Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a, Anthony & Valerie Reynolds, 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 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; | 1 Thess 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

| 7th & 8th November | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | Welcomer |
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| Sat 6.00pm | L Lim | R Sutherland, volunteer, volunteer, R Clarke, B D'Souza | |
| Sun 7.30am | P Joseph | L Joseph, T Heldt | P Joseph |
| 9.00am | J Gunn | C Pereira, T Dam, M & A Dam, S Spaull, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo | B Duyvestyn |
| 10.45am | M Thomas | L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino, L Sombilon, A Fosio, R Papiernik, J La' Brooy | R Lupeamanu |
| 6.00pm | D Hughes | J MacDonald, E Clinch | A Karunda |
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| CHURCH COUNTERS | | L Noronha, T Trevisan, Z Zavarko | |

| 14th & 15th November | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | Welcomer |
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| Sat 6.00pm | T Ramirez | M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, R Clarke, B D'Souza | |
| Sun 7.30am | T Heldt | L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu | |
| 9.00am | Y Prasetyo | C Gostimir, K Auvale, C Noronha, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, Volunteer | |
| 10.45am | Youth Group | M D'Costa, A Hughes, Mel Thomas, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero | |
| 6.00pm | J MacDonald | A Kumarasin, B D'Souza | |
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| 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: 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

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

## 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 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*

**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 Launch 8th November.** Breakfast after 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am Mass

**Advent Wreath Making 28th November**

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

@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.

Like 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

## *32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 8TH NOVEMBER 2026*

### *FIRST READING*

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

### *RESPONSORIAL PSALM*

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. ***R.***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. ***R.***

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R.***

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R.***

### *SECOND READING*

*Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

### *GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!***

### *GOSPEL*

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as the lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### *MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION*

When we eat this Bread… … …

