

St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
15th 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
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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

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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 & 12noon St Therese's School Chapel
Thursday: 9.30am & 2.30pm Regis Aged Care
Friday: 9.30am, 11.00am Mercy Place Aged & 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

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: Dominic Wilson, child of Shane & Charlene; Olivia Tellis, child of Sherwyn & Shannan; Lilly & Maggie O'Hehir, children of Travis & Alysha and Remy Walls, child of Timothy & Tegan.

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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Divine Mercy will be hosting a sausage sizzle this Sunday 15th November after the 9.00am & 10.45am Mass.

RCIA PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited to take a prayer card from the foyer and pray for RCIA & RCIC Catechumens or Candidates.

SERVANTS OF 2 HEARTS CHARITY SISTER will be selling items after Masses on the 21st & 22nd November in the Church foyer.

ALTAR SERVERS FEAST DAY celebrations for current Altar servers. Invitations have been emailed during the week, 28th November 2026. Please contact the parish office for more information.

FUNERAL FOR FR BRENDAN LANE: Rosary and Vigil Mass will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, 160 Foster Street, Dandenong, on Wednesday 18 November 2026 commencing at 6.30pm.

The Pontifical Requiem Mass for Fr Brendan will be celebrated on **Thursday 19 November 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, at 11.00am.** Burial will take place at **Melbourne General Cemetery, College Cres, Parkville at 1.30pm. Livestream** - The Requiem Mass will be livestreamed via Tobin Brother Funerals.

ECUMENCIAL ADVENT CONVERSATION: Bishop Greg and Bishop Richard Treloar from the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland invite parishioners to join in conversation around texts and themes for the season of Advent. Bishop Greg encourages you to take advantage of this opportunity and consider making a point of spending Friday 20 November at The Abbey as you prepare for this great season of preparation.

Bookings for this event can be made by phoning The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 or booking directly online through Trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/DHFER

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. Direct Debit & Credit Card givers a statement has been emailed during the week. If you wish to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact the parish office.

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 this 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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: If you can assist as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister at a Christmas or New Year Mass please write your name down on the clipboard in the foyer. Thank you

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.

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

RED NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a free prayer card and complimentary pair of Rosary beads, handmade by Christians in Syria. To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

YOUTH CORNER:

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.

Get involved and support our young pilgrims heading to World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea! We have two exciting fundraising events coming up, and everyone is welcome!

ADVENT WREATH MAKING: Saturday 28th November at 11:30am at St Agatha's Parish Hall. For just $22, all materials are provided to create your very own Advent wreath!

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH WYD DINNER DANCE: Join us on Saturday 5th December at 7:00pm at St Peter's College West Campus Join us for a fantastic evening of food, music and dancing! Bring your family and friends for a great night while supporting our WYD pilgrims. 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 UPDATE: New volunteers over 18 are required to complete a new volunteer form, hold a current Working with Children and sign the parish Code of Conduct. All this must be cleared by the Safeguarding Officer before beginning their volunteer role. Go to our website, scroll down to the form: stagathas.org.au/safety.html

LOST & FOUND CUPBOARD: If you have lost items in the Church, please check the lost and found cupboard in the church foyer. Items left in the cupboard will be removed and donated to charity if not collected within two weeks.

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.safeguarding@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: Julie, Mithrani Mahadeva, Carmelo Salazar Mastracci

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Emmanuel & Lily Pushpam Emmanuel, Patricia Silva, Cg & Tresa Antony, Arun Anthony, Luigi & Lucia Bucello, Nuzina & Zino Matera, Josephine & Frank Demello, Nigel Shutie, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Frank & Mignoune Yates, Trevor & Gladys Thomas, Elma Lim, Alwyn Phillips, Jane Rene, Jeremy Soyza, Rita Andrade, Shane Ferandez, Kartheyedathu & Anna George, Jacob Stephen, Abraham Thomas, Xavier Rebello, Puliyanatha family, Emili Rebelo, Thengapurackal & Lucia Varghese, Harry Andrade, Adleno Voshamosimus, Filomena Gos, Fr Edward O'Malley, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey

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 – Christ the King | Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; | 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; | Mt 25:31-46

14th & 15th November	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
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	C Gostimir
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, A Hughes, Mel Thomas, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	J MacDonald	A Kumarasin, B D'Souza	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & R Afaese, M Vechoorettu	

21st & 22nd November	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, R Sutherland, L Lim, Volunteer, Voluteer	
Sun 7.30am	M Vechoorettu	H De Costa, M Lutu	P Joseph
9.00am	C Gostimir	M Krotwaar, M & A Dam, T Dam, S Spaull, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo	S Spaull
10.45am	I Lemalu	D Dsouza, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino	R Lupeamanu
6.00pm	R Gimeno	C Joseph, E Clinch	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, C & E Moore	

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
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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.

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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

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FIRST READING *Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.***R***

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. ***R.***

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. ***R.***

SECOND READING *Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about the 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to the darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now, a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sewn and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour… … …