



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

The Baptism of the Lord
Year B
10th January 2021

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: Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]

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Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Assistant Priest: Rev. Fr Stanly Devasia

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Mary Olofu,

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

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St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mr Terry Cahill

St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St Peter's Secondary College

Cranbourne Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West

Clyde North Campus - 55 MacKillop Way Clyde Nth

☎ 5990 7777

Principal: Mr Chris Black

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.00am

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please search YouTube: St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Tuesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Wednesday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Thursday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

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

Adoration Chapel: 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

Healing Mass Suspended

First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Mass

Mass for the Unborn: 1st Friday of the Month

9.30am - Live Streamed

Holy Hour for the Unborn

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 31st January starting at

3.00pm in the Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

DEAR PARISHIONERS, On behalf of Fr Stanly, myself and the Parish team I would like to sincerely thank all who assisted with the preparations and during our Christmas liturgies. Thank you to our choirs and all who generously assisted during the Masses. A special thank you to our technicians assisted with the live streaming of the Masses.

I will be organising an evening BBQ to thank all the volunteers who helped during the Christmas and New Year's ceremonies, more details to follow.

I also wish to thank so many parishioners who have been so generous with cards, gifts and kind words for the Christmas season. Please accept our deep gratitude, we are very blessed.

This week we commence a 9-day Novena of Sto. Niño from 8th -16th January 2021, weekday Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm. On Sunday the 17th of January 2021 is the Sinulog festivity, a dance to worship the Holy Child.

The year 2021 marks the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. The image of the Holy Child, Señor Santo Niño, was first brought to the island of Cebu (Philippines) in 1521 and a devotion ensued among the locals through the help of the Augustinian order in 1565. To this we cry in praise: Viva Pit Señor!

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Collyn Nasalio, child of Herbert & Freedom, Sage Edge, child of Stefan & Daisy, Luke Canon, child of Michael & Charita, Darcy Fleetwood, child of David & Lauren and Tiffany Tinio, child of Jake & Cristina.

BAPTISMS: Parents are reminded that we require a list of all your guests attending the Baptism Ceremony in the Church for COVID contact tracing. Please email at list of names and contact numbers to the parish office before the ceremony.

SANTO NINO [HOLY CHILD] NOVENA: A 9-day Novena will be celebrated from 8th January to 17th January, weekdays at 7.00pm in the Church. Please book Mass online for Mass attendance via our parish website.

NOVENA TO ST. AGATHA will be prayed for nine days during Masses from Wed 27th Jan – Thurs 4th Feb.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Information Session and Parent Workshop: Wednesday 10th February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 17th February at 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall. Parents need to attend only one session (no need to bring your child). Enquiries: Sr Mary.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS can be placed on the second collection during Masses.

SAINT FOR THE YEAR: At the beginning of each year, we invite parishioners to choose a slip of paper from the basket in the foyer. It contains the name of a Saint, a quotation from the Saint's writings and a prayer intention. You are encouraged to pray daily for the prayer intention and to foster a devotion to the Saint in 2021.

KARDIA FORMATION: Offering retreats including our [stay at home retreats](#). We hope you can join us in 2021. For more information go to <http://www.kardia.com.au>

GROUP LEADERS: As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, leaders are required to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for 28 days for COVID tracing purposes.

FIRST COMMUNION ceremonies will begin for those children who have completed their Preparation for this Sacrament from February 2021 onwards.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Classes February 2021. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

MASS ATTENDANCE is still strictly by booking online through the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Masses can only be booked one week in advance. Please arrive early to Mass as the Church will doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass begins.

ADORATION CHAPEL is open for private prayer. You are required to sign in and out in the book provided in the chapel. A maximum of **three** attendees from different families can pray together at a time. If you are all members of one family the 3-person limit does not apply. For everyone's safety please abide by the rules posted on the door, thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" Thank you

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 Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted 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**



The Recently Deceased: Fathima Olofu, Clemie Roussety Annelen James, Rhoda Tissong, Bryan Maddocks

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Sonia Rowstrom, Collette, & Remy Monty, Clarence Reberio, Carlo Mitchell, Ivy Ann, Alfred, Antonio, Theresa & Gregory James, Jason David 1st, David Fernando, Stephen Joseph, Edward Donnelly, Fr George Todd, Fr Daniel Shanahan, Fr James Synnot, Fr John O'Kelly, Bishop Noel Daly, Fr Joe Flynn

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli

With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you wish to be taken off the sick list.

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 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

9 – 10 January 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomers	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	S Crinall	T Treacy, T Heldt, C Joseph		
7.30am	P Martin	D Krella, M Soni, P Martin		
9.00am	J Raudino	G Nelson, A Dam, A Ulu		
10.45am	R Gimeno	R D'Mello, S Lucas, T Nyerenyere		
6.00pm	M Garcia	Y Prasetyo, A Quintal, A Simmons		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY				
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J McLean		
CHURCH CLEANERS		Volunteers		
16-17 January 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Welcomers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	C Joseph, R Trevisan, M Cincotta		
7.30am	T Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin, D Krella		
9.00am	E Abraham	R Alejandro, E Abraham, G Nelson		
10.45am	Youth Group	A Ortencio, R D'Mello, R D'Mello		
6.00pm	R Gimeno	A Quintal, T Treacy, Y Prasetyo		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY				
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Besterwitch, R & K Weinman, T Saldanha		
CHURCH CLEANERS		Volunteers		

GROUPS & MEETINGS

RCIA: [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries: Tina 5996 1985.
RCIC: For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism. Sr Faustina 5996 1985.
CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES: Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters
THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES: 2nd Saturday of the Month 2.30pm-4pm. Enq: Lorraine Dunkley 5996 8771
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.
SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Leo 5995 6813
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426 973 026
PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY: For further information contact Parish Office.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161
YOUTH GROUP INVIGORATE Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & AGAPE [Age 18+]: Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985
AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd Sunday 7.15pm – 9.00pm. Enquiries Sr. Mary 5996 1985
VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com
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; Rosary 7.00pm; Meeting 7.15pm.
CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND: For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 5941 4100 for appointments.
GODSTART: Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES: Saturday 6.00pm & 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>

Like <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP> @StAgathasCP **PARISH APP:** The parish has an APP that is available from the 'APP STORE' and the '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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 10TH JANUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds; make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great is your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for this Son.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death