



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

3rd Sunday of Easter
Year B
18th April 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
☎ 5996 1985

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

Livestreamed 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

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

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

Tuesday to Saturday: 8.00am - 9.00am followed by

Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

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 7.00pm followed by a spiritual teaching and Adoration till 10.00pm

Mass for the Unborn: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment.

Baptism Information Session held First Sunday of the Month 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or contacting the parish office]

Marriages 6 months' notice requested

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Some may be inclined to wonder, "Why all the fuss if everyone is a sinner, and if forgiveness is easily got?" To this, St. John has a sober warning, "We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments." Knowing God has both a moral dimension as well as an intellectual understanding. To know God means to have a close and personal relationship with our Maker and Father. This happens most surely if we live in imitation of Christ, or put on Christ, as St Paul says. Being Christians gives us the great privilege of a relationship with Jesus; but it also makes great demand on us to be like Christ. This is the great mystery of us being called Resurrection people! Fr Stanly

Thank you to the Divine Mercy Group for the wonderful Divine Mercy celebration last Sunday at the 10.45am Mass.

Fr Stanly and I will be away on retreat with the priests from the Diocese of Sale. Please keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours. **For this week Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 9.30am and Saturday at 9.30am.**

The sisters will away for a short break and the parish office will be closed from Tuesday to Friday reopening on Monday 26th at 1.00pm.

If you require a priest urgently while we are away, please contact either St Jude's Langwarrin on 9770 9921, St Kevin's Hampton Park on 9799 2108 or St John's Frankston on 9789 9672.

This week we celebrate International Earth Day on 22nd April. A message to reflect from Pope Francis Encyclical letter Laudato Si: *"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."* #91 May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Isabelle Villamater, child of Jed & Jezel, Ava Gagatsis, child of Jamie & Laura, M. A Aindrina Perera, child of Isuru & Romina, Oliver Sottile, child of Carmelo & Christine and Stephanie Obani, child of Daniel & Chidinma.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Information session and parent workshop will be held Wednesday 28th April at 7pm or Wednesday 5th May at 7pm, St Agatha's School hall. Parents need to attend only one session. No need to bring your child. For information contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 24/25th April for the Education of Seminarians Bursary Fund.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES may be given on the 2nd collection plate over the next coming weeks. Thank you!

PROJECT COMPASSION boxes and envelopes can be returned this week. If you have requested a tax receipt, they will be left on the table in the foyer for you to collect in the coming weeks.

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER: New rosters have been emailed this week; copies are available in the Church. If you were commissioned and have not been rostered or if you would like to return to the next roster, please contact the parish office.

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE (VFL) is dedicated to building a culture where human life is valued and respected from conception to natural death. If you wish to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life here in our parish, please contact Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864

CAR RAFFLE: All new Suzuki Baleno car to be won & 19 gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale after all Masses \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10110/21. Drawn on 5th June 2021. **If you are able to sell tickets on Sunday at 7.30am or 6.00pm Mass, please contact the Parish Office ASAP on 5996 1985.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? For more information. Contact Ruth on 0477 800 161

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.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Go to our parish website at <https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html> on how to join and logon with the parish code: **2QKKNB**

Every week - Formed highlight different content.

This week: EASTER SEASON

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/easter-season-on-formed>

ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS: Online Mass bookings for weekdays **will not be necessary.** For weekday Masses come and register your name and contact details on arrival. An exception will apply on special occasions online bookings will be necessary. **Weekend Mass bookings are still strictly by booking online** via the parish website link at <https://stagathas.org.au/online-booking-holy-mass.html> Please arrive early to Mass as the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONIES for children who have completed their preparation for First Communion in 2020. Please contact the parish office to book your child's ceremony date on 5996 1985. Ceremonies held every weekend until August 2021. **Up to 5** Candidates per Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm. For family members and guests wishing to attend the ceremony online Mass attendance bookings are required, bookings can be made via our parish website. **Parents and children are encouraged to attend Reconciliation prior to the ceremony.**

DIVINE AUSTRALIA KIDS PRESENTS: 'A Bible Quest from the Bible Chest' For all children aged between 5 – 13, Every alternate Saturdays 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM (AEST) Via Zoom. Our next Bible Quest is on 24th April. Parents, please contact: divinekidsministry@gmail.com to request an enrolment form for your child.

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.

AN UPCOMING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: St Agatha's Prayer Group is conducting a Renewal Seminar. Are you wanting to grow your relationship with Jesus. Are you looking for something more in your Prayer life. Please join us for this Seminar. We will be conducting Seminar on Monday mornings, 10:30am in Church Hall. Dates: Monday 19th April, 26th April, 3rd May, 10th May, 17th May, 24th May, 31st May 2021. Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg on 19th June at St. Ita's Drouin. Contact Jacinta Gunn on 0426 973 026 for more information about this wonderful opportunity.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online InfoZoom on 2 May, visit palms.org.au or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333



CHURCH FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" in the second collection. 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: Sam Limoli, Pagamalie Telesia Tafaaoi'i, Vicenta Villacero Campana in Phillippines, Mercyline Evangelista, Anushi Perera, Aavya Imani

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Neville Adolphus, Sonia Rowstrom, Joseph Manikombel, Rudolph & Yvonne D'Cruz, Mario Bracci, Justina Noronha 1st, Eugenio Cimino, Irene May, Elizabeth Anthony, Mauro Estrada, Rudolph & Yvonne D 'Cruz, Linus Johnson, Fr Richard Buckley, Fr John McCormack, Fr John McCann, Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley


Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Brian Venville, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Lacy, Otto Harris, Josie Hagen, Terry Treacy

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 – 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12 1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

17-18 April 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	A Simmons	T Heldt, C Joseph, D Krella
7.30am	R Trevisan	M Soni, P Martin
9.00am	P Joseph	M Nieuwesteeg, A Ulu, G Nelson
10.45am	Youth Group	K Johnson, R D'Mello, R Holsinger
6.00pm	R Gimeno	T Hummel, Y Prasetyo, A Quintal
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & R Afaese, G Caballero
CHURCH CLEANERS		Afaese Family
24-25 April 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima
7.30am	B Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin
9.00am	J Raudino	M Dam, R Alejandro, T Nyerenyere
10.45am	R Gimeno	C Tyminski, A Ortencio, S Lucas
6.00pm	V Prasetyo	C Joseph, J Connell,
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, D Krella, T Macharaga
CHURCH CLEANERS		Abraham Family

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE 

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
 1st Friday of the Month
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm
 1st Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel

“The human person is a unique composite – a unity of spirit and body, fashioned in the image of God and destined to live forever. Every human life is sacred, because every human person is sacred.” - Pope John Paul II, 1987

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: Petelo 0435 118 132
- 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 [Age 12-14]** Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am & **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:** For safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985
- FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. 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>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 18th APRIL 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING

1John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away; and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour

