



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Year B  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 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](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://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 Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safe Guarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto: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

**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:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Wednesday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**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

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1<sup>st</sup> 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,** We welcome Bishop Greg to our parish this weekend.

Pope Francis has called for individuals, families and communities to a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for an end to the pandemic. "It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God,' "it said. The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the Church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

The 2021 National Count of Attendance ( Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May starting 1<sup>st</sup> May for every Catholic parish in Australia.

On the First Friday of the month, I would like to call on families, individuals and groups to spend a minimum of 1 hour in prayer and Adoration following 7.00pm Mass. Please contact the parish office to book a time you when you are available to attend.

May God Bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Grace Aneesh, child of Aneesh & Elizabeth, Rocco Puliafito, child of Daniel & Abby, Addison Martin, child of Christopher & Danielle, Mabel Dyson, child of Daniel & Katherine and Skylar Vaz, child of Shawn & Steffi.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** A preparation session will be held for all children who prepared online during the COVID lockdown First Communion and have not received the First Communion on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 3.00pm to 3.30pm in the Church.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Information session and parent workshop will be held this Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND:** Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Parents please ensure you have handed in your child's commitment/enrolment form and collect their worksheet. Please contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 if you have any questions or concerns.

**TRINITY FAMILIES MAY 2021 APPEAL:** Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year. "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**ENQUIRY DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE SEMINARIANS:** An Enquiry Day for any young man who is interested to know more about a Diocesan Priestly vocation will be held at Corpus Christi College Carlton on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for all the Diocese' of the Province. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Fr Michael Willemsen at St Mary's, Bairnsdale.

**RCIA MYSTAGOGIA MASS:** RCIA new Catholics together with their sponsors, families, and team members are invited to attend The Mystagogia Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at St. Michael's Berwick at 2pm. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA. If you wish to attend, please book online via St Michael's Website, stmichaelsparish.org.au.

**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.**

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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: Litany of St Joseph**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/litany-of-saint-joseph>

**FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL** will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Mass at 7.00pm followed by a spiritual teaching and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All Welcome!

**CAR RAFFLE:** Final weekend for sales of raffle tickets. If you have purchased a book please return to the parish office before Wednesday. Tickets on sale after all Masses \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10110/21. Drawn on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**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.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you. 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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on 21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED KALUMBURU MISSION:** North Kimberley Region Diocese of Broome Western Australia. We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance and gardening as required and associated light machinery use and truck and fork-lift driving if you have the required licence. This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kalumburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles. For further information please contact: Diocese of Broome Chancery T: 08 9192 1060 or by email [secretary@broomedioocese.org](mailto:secretary@broomedioocese.org)

**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 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May. Parents, please contact: [divinekidsministry@gmail.com](mailto:divinekidsministry@gmail.com) to request an enrolment form for your child.

**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](mailto:Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au) If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**



**The Recently Deceased:** Terry Treacy, Delma Alphonse, Anna Villante, Dilruky Weerapura, Abraham Chackalackal

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Oscar Rabot, Sr Joyce Nongo, Martin Fernandez, Neville Moreria, Olive Faria, Sr Hiliaria, For the deceased members of the Naidoo & Nanette family, Enid Besterwitch, Fr James Martin, Dean James Hegarty

**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, Kay Martini

*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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48;

1Jn 4:7-10;

Jn 15:9-17

1-2 May 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Garcia	A Simmons, T Heldt, M D'Costa
7.30am	J Vechoorettu	M Soni, P Martin
9.00am	E Abraham	R Spierings, D Barker, K Parrocho
10.45am	E Mandividza	N Atulia, L Caballero, M Auvale
6.00pm	T Hummel	B Evans, E Clinch, Y Prasetyo
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J Laufou, M Laufou
CHURCH CLEANERS		L Caballero, S Joseph, L Clark
8-9 May 2021	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	A Simmons	R Trevisan, P Hunt, L Lim
7.30am	D Abraham	L Jean Louis, M Soni
9.00am	R Spierings	E Abraham, J Raudino, P Spierings
10.45am	L Gillespie	K Johnson, M Gambin, E Mandividza
6.00pm	Y Prasetyo	A Quintal, C Joseph, J Connell
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, A & R Estrada
CHURCH CLEANERS		Afaese Family

**ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE**

VOICE FOR LIFE



**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel

Next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

at 7.30pm in Providence House

“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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am & **AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



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**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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2021**

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he really was a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.***

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'  
**R.**

**SECOND READING**

*1John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot

be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread ... ..



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."