



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
5th September 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

Due to COVID19 - The Parish Office will be closed to
visitors & staff working remotely from home:
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992

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 Ogbole [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:

Sunday: 9.00am

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

Friday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Saturday: 9.30am - Live Streamed

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am Suspended

Saturday: 10.00am Suspended

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: Closed due to the lockdown

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 - Suspended

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

We wish all Fathers in our Parish a happy and Blessed Father's Day today!

DEAR PARISHIONERS, This weekend we ask God's blessing for all fathers, grand fathers and father figures on Father's Day, and remember our deceased fathers in our prayers.

I would like to offer Mass on Saturday 11th September at 9.30am for all those recently deceased. Especially for those who did not have the opportunity of a Mass offered for them. Parishioners are invited to email the names of their deceased loved ones, who have died in the last 18 months. Names will be displayed on the screen before the Mass begins. Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au before 9th September.

Bishop Greg has invited us to show our support and solidarity as Christians for the Afghan community, by signing an online petition. We, the Australian Church, are calling on the Federal Government to welcome a special intake of an additional 20,000 Afghan refugees, and support the ongoing well-being of all Afghan refugees and their families. <https://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/> May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

CLERGY NEWS: Fr Peter Bickley will retire as Administrator of St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, effective January 12, 2022. Fr Peter Kooloos will retire as Parish Priest of the Koo Wee Rup, Iona-Maryknoll parishes effective January 12, 2022, but he will continue to provide canonical advice to the Bishop's Office. Due to ongoing health issues, Fr Bernard "Bernie" Krotwaar will retire as Parish Priest of Trafalgar-Yarragon parishes, effective August 30, 2021. Taking his place as Administrator (Pro Tem) will be Fr Bernard Buckley, effective August 30, 2021- January 12, 2022: We are delighted Fr Bernard is able to return to an appointment in the Diocese. The prayers of so many have accompanied him throughout recent years as he confronted and attended to serious health concerns and we are blessed that Fr Bernard is in a position to resume active ministry.

PARISH STAFF continue to work from home, staff can be contacted by email or phoning the parish office during office hours.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: Was due for a Special Collection for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation>

It will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

RCIA SPONSOR: ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO HELP? Have you thought about becoming a sponsor? God may be calling you; this might be your time. What is a sponsor? We are in need of male sponsors. It is a good practice is to assign men to men as it is good to have someone with similar struggles to talk to.

A sponsor is prayerful, attends Mass, Adoration, etc. Open to a new friendship, a good listener. Available for most weekly sessions on Wednesday evenings. Someone who would be excited to watch your own faith journey deepen as you witness your candidate's conversion. Someone who can be open to the R.C.I.A. process. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: For children in government schools, will be postponed due to the lockdown

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: Parent-Child Workshop and ceremonies to be rescheduled after lockdown restrictions

YOUTH MINISTER 2022: Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Warragul and Drouin Parishes Youth Minister from January 2022. Current position is 8 hours per week equivalent but it is hoped that, in combination with some neighbouring parishes, multiple days can be offered to the right applicant. Expressions of interest: Deacon Mark Kelly 0427748646/Mark.Kelly@cdsale.org.au

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: Operation Christmas Child, will you partner with us again this year to reach more children with the love of Jesus? Locked down? Pack online: for more information go to <https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!

Go to our parish website at **FORMED**

<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: Presence - Three Miracles of Happiness

<https://watch.formed.org/three-miracles-of-happiness>

COVID SAFETY: In line with current government restrictions.

CHURCH: Closed to No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

FACE COVERINGS: Face masks: must be worn inside and outdoors everywhere except your own home.

FUNERALS (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

ADORATION CHAPEL is closed for private prayer.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: The pews in the Church have been moved for your safety. Please do not move the pews in the Church for your safety and it causes damage to the carpet.

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 11th September. Parents, to request an enrolment form for your child please contact: divinekidsministry@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: 10 -12 September 2021 or a non -residential weekend: 16 - 17 October 2021 in west Gippsland. (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37 The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION throughout the whole from 1st September ending 4th October with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis's landmark encyclical Laudato Si' and its teachings urge all of us to continue to proactively care for the earth and each other. The latest Living Liturgy issue listed various resources and online offerings to assist your parish in praying during this month of Creation and also to set some practical goals for sustainability and the care of our precious planet and all that it contains.

YOUTH CORNER: Meetings postponed until further notice.

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

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: Evelyn Villarosa Gatuz, Lillian Julien, Yvonne Carmel Koelmayer

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Matthew McEvoy, Freddy Doggette, Justina Noronha, Wilbert Jayasuriya, Alister & Joe King, Bruno & Nicholas Rosario, Charles Allen & Austin Daley, Carmello Sottile, Gino Raffa, Orazio Molino, Nicola & Grace Rechichi, Francesco Bruno, Papa Vincenzo, Papa Placida, Len & Oliver Plunkett, Paul Stephens, A.J. Thomas, Bernard Krotwaar Sr Peter Brumby, Donald Julien, Pasquale Di Paolo, Ugo & Francesco Bellucci, James David Barlow, Mrs Merlyn Thomas, Tony Bastian, Sr Marie Bastian, Claus Aland, David Willatgamuwa, Joseph Francis & Teresita D’Rosario, Ouida Rodrigues 1st.

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, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Kay Martini, Sirinimal "Sam" & Lyndell Adikari, Denis Beltrame

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 24th Sunday

Is 50:5-9;

James 2:14-18;

Mk 8:27-35

4-5 September 2021	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Sisters	
7.30am		
9.00am		
10.45am		
6.00pm		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
CHURCH COUNTERS		
CHURCH CLEANERS		
11-12 September 2021	Lector	RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Sisters	
7.30am		
9.00am		
10.45am		
6.00pm		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
CHURCH COUNTERS		
CHURCH CLEANERS		

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

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

“Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me.”
Matthew 25:40

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 GROUPS 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

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 COVID 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>



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



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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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened'. And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

WHAT MAKES A DAD

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad
~~Author Unknown.~~*

CHILD SAFETY WEEK 5 -12 SEPTEMBER



<https://www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week-2021>