



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

## 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  
*[Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm]*  
☎ 5996 1985 Fax: 5996 1992  
**Email:** [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)  
**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://www.stagathas.org.au)  
**For Parish News & Events:**  
<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

**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 Safeguarding Officers:**  
Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985  
**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Tina Dam  
**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs Nona Tusitala  
☎ 5996 1985

**St Agatha's Primary School**  
3 Scott Street, Cranbourne  
☎ 5996 2724

**Principal:** Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

**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 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*

**Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed**  
**Monday:** 9:30am - & 7:00pm Healing Mass Fr Vinod George  
**Tuesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed  
**Wednesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed  
**Thursday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed  
**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed  
**Saturday:** 9:30am - In the Church & 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** First Thursday of the Month 7.15pm begins with  
Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

### 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

### Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session  
held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, starting 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

**Dear Parishioners,** A special collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February for Fr Stanly farewell. Donations can also be made through the Parish Office.

A farewell card for Fr Stanly will be available from this weekend in the foyer to sign.

A reminder that our at our Parish Feast Day celebration and Fr Stanly's farewell will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023, in conjunction with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration will begin with 10.45am Mass followed by a procession of the St Agatha' statue from the Church to the school hall, where we will share a multicultural lunch to celebrate the Cultural Groups that make up our Parish Community. We encourage parishioners to bring a food from their country to share at the celebration. To assist with catering we ask that you write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer. We invite children to come dressed in white or their First Communion outfits so that they can join in leading the procession to the Hall.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Izaiah Ganiban, child of John & Donna, Kai Abangan, child of Oscar & Mashael and Yeuan Velasquez, child of Bryan & Jessel.

**ADORATION & MORNING PRAYER** will resume on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Will be held this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January after 9.00am & 10.45am Mass, to raise funds for World Youth Day.

**NOVENA TO ST. AGATHA** will be prayed for nine days during Masses from this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**HEALING MASS:** Fr Joseph Edattu VC will be celebrating a healing Mass on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at St Agatha's Church.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** will be closed this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January for the Australia Day Public holiday.

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH DANCE:** Youth Fundraiser for fundraiser for World Youth Day. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, St Peter's College, Cranbourne West. 1005 Cranbourne - Frankston Rd, Cranbourne West. Enter Navarra Drive entrance via Duff Street. Live band. Food for sale. BYO drinks. Adults \$30, Children under 16 - \$20, Children under 4 – free. Family - \$100. Tickets on sale this weekend after Mass and from the Parish Office.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023:** Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. **Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha's Church. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools will resume on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 4.00pm. Registration can be made online [https://stagathas.org.au/component/com\\_formmaker/itemid,841/id,18/view,formmaker/](https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/itemid,841/id,18/view,formmaker/) or at the Parish Office.

**RCIA MEETINGS** resume on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in

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*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: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

<https://watch.formed.org/pope-benedict-xvi>

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non-Catholic schools. Classes 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**2023 FEAST OF THE STO NINO AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place on **Sunday 29 January at 9.30am in St Mary's Cathedral**. 9.30am Mass, 10.30am Morning Tea. Anyone with a Sto Nino statue can bring it along for a blessing. Wearing of traditional Filipino costumes is encouraged. Everyone is invited to share a Filipino feast organised by the Bayanihan Circle and friends in the assembly area of the Cathedral after Mass. Celebrant: Bishop Gregory Bennet

Choir: The Bayanihan Circle (Filipino Choir)

**POSITION VACANT PARISH SECRETARY WARRAGUL:**

The position of Parishes Secretary has become available based at St Joseph's Parish Office Warragul. The primary purpose of this role is to provide secretarial, administrative support to the Parish Administrator and Parish, also including bookkeeping. Hours of work are 27.5 per week 9am-3pm. Applications are to be submitted by email to [Confidence.Masvosva@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Confidence.Masvosva@cdsale.org.au) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. For a position description please contact Fr Confidence via email.

**POSTION VACANT: Sacrament & Catechist Coordinator:**

The position of Sacrament & Catechist Coordinator has become available based at St Joseph's Parish Office Warragul. The primary purpose of this role is to coordinate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and also run Catechist classes for our parish children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Hours of work are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm.

Applications are to be submitted by email to [Confidence.Masvosva@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Confidence.Masvosva@cdsale.org.au) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. For a position description please contact Fr Confidence via email.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Groups around Australia have spent time in responding to the Document which reflect the voices of the People of God from over 114 countries around the world. A collation of the Australian submissions is being prepared for the Bishops from the Oceania region when they meet in Fiji in February 2023. Access the Document for the Continental Stage [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

**USED BIBLES:** Do you have any Bibles that you are no longer using. A parishioner is helping a charity in Fiji "Missionary Families of Christ" that is donating bibles to the catholic poor and to jail inmates who want to read the word of God. If you can donate a Bible, please leave it at the Parish Office.

**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.**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:** 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732; SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188; ORANGE DOOR: 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham



**The Recently Deceased:** Clara Lorenzetto, Giuseppa Di Pietro, Cardinal George Pell, Marie Hilda Dantier

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fr Philip Kavanagh, Fr William Shanahan, Conrad D'Silva, George Giummarra, Rose Hegarty, Daisy Thomas, Wilfred Gonzalvez, K.J Joseph [1<sup>st</sup> Anni], Flavia Martin, Esme Adolphus, Audrey D'Cruz, Renato & Ricardo Bigoni, Margaret Nowden, Fr Noel Mackay, Edward Woods, Charles Antonio Henderson, Joseph Abraham Chakkalachal, Arlette LaLouette 1<sup>st</sup>, George Phillips

**Those who are sick:** Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Cynthia Leonard, Hercules Pillay, Connie McVicar, Max King, Philip Sgroi

*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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**      Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13      1 Cor 1:26-31      Mt 5:1-12

21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Childrens Choir	L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho
7.30am	T Heldt	P & L Joseph
9.00am	R Gimeno	R Daly, J Kelly, S Spaul
10.45am	P Schreurs	T Nyerenyere, L Caballero, K Johnson
6.00pm	A Ulu	J D'Souza, Y Prasetyo, C Joseph
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		C D'Lima, M D'Lima, D Barker

28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	D Grace, A Hughes, C D'Lima
7.30am	P Joseph	T Heldt, L Jean Louis
9.00am	R Alejandro	I Lemalu, M Nieuwesteeg, G Nelson
10.45am	M Thomas	M Gambin, E Mandividza, A Ortencio
6.00pm	E Abraham	J Connell, E Clinch, B Evans
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended	
CHURCH COUNTERS		P Dam, T Dam, J McLean

**ST AGATHA'S 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!

“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 Victoria 5996 1985.
- MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:** Mon 7:30pm Parish Hall Contact: Mary Krotwaar 0417 391 298
- CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985
- 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 or Divine 0427 706 498
- YOUTH GROUPS 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
- VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email [voiceforlife@hotmail.com](mailto: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:** 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 Mary 5996 1985
- PLAYGROUP:** Resumes in February 2023. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future.

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

**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>



**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 8: 23-9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. The Lord is my light and my salvation***

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Corinthians 1: 10-13.17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, Alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world; today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4: 12-23*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us Saviour ... ..



Image: Dust of the Bible