



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A
19th March 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

Website: www.stagathas.org.au

For Parish News & Events:

<https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

Sisters of the Nativity: Sr. Mary Olofu,
Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya
Sr. Julie Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina Dam

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Nona Tusitala

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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 - In the Church & Live Streamed

Tuesday 9:30am - In the Church and 11:00am Funeral Mass

Wednesday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church and 11:30am Funeral Mass

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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

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

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information
Session held on 1st Sunday of every month, 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, The Hours of Grace begins on 25th March for 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration until 1st April. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

At the 9.00am Mass today the RCIA Elect and Candidates will be participating in the Second Scrutiny. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

Bible Studies on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Beginning in Mid-May. For more information or expression of interest, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.com.au A notice display board has been installed outside the Church entrance door to display information. We have a digital screen, notice board and parish website to relay information. Please do not place any advertising materials on the Church windows, doors, or table in the foyer. Please contact the parish office for more information.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Sienna Dowling Child of Lachlan & Jessica, Genesis & Gideon Sadya-as Children of Hermes & Janice, Keisha Chung Child of Victor & Anna, Elise Torquet Child of Clement & Leah.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Vince Foluena & Taiaopo Ulugia on their Marriage.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION PARISH St Agatha's 28th March at 7.00pm, several Priests will be available. St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North 22nd March 7.00pm. 23rd March OLHC, Narre Warren. St Patrick's Pakenham, 7.00pm. St Michael's Berwick, 7.00pm.

FUNERAL MASSES will be celebrated for Camilla D'Monte on Tuesday 21st March 2023 & Connie McVicar on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at St Agatha's Parish

HOURS OF GRACE at St Agatha's from 10:00am on Saturday 25th March until 11:00am Saturday 1st April. Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings. Rosters are available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

PLAYGROUP has now resumed, every Tuesday's from 9:00am – 11:00am in the parish hall during school terms.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE: As a gift to Pope Francis, we could offer our prayers for his ministry by praying the Hail Mary and lighting the virtual candle through the online prayer initiative launched by the digital synod. They will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' representing the Hail Marys that were prayed for him. Here is the link to offer your prayers.

<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

MOTHERS WHO PRAY: "Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish? We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!"

VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP will be praying in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. This is part of the worldwide forty days prayer vigil during Lent. Praying to end abortion. Tuesday the 27th of February to the 3rd April. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

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: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/baptism-in-the-holy-spirit-fire>

FORMED

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN: 21st March 9:15am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm and 23rd March 9:15am & 12:15pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please contact Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour. For more information please contact St Agatha's Primary School or visit www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au

ST THERESE'S COMMUNITY HUB - TERM 1 Tuesday Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years from 9:15am-10:45am Starting on the 7th February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9th February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10th of February. You may attend any or all of the programs.

DISCOVER WHAT ST PETER'S COLLEGE HAVE TO OFFER Join us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Joseph Abutu will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy land from 30th April to 13th May 2023. This pilgrimage organised by Magi Pilgrimages will feature Jordan, the Dead Sea, Petra, Mt Nebo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Mt Tabor, Jericho, and Jerusalem. This Pilgrimage costs inclusive flights, accommodation in 4-star hotels, and meals. Mass will be celebrated daily at various holy sites. More than 85% of the intended Pilgrims have made their deposits. However, if you wish to join the group, please make your reservation by 20th March 2023. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

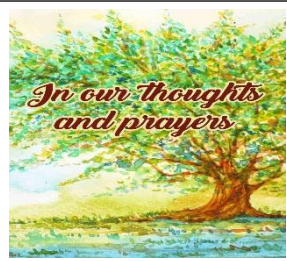
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ARE YOU MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL? Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church. The contribution for each Mass can be paid directly from your estate (avoids costs being met by beneficiaries). This would be a real comfort knowing that Masses are being said regularly (say monthly) at the Catholic church of your choosing and all paid for from your estate. Remember to have a chat with your lawyer and he/she should be able to include this in the document when you are making or reviewing your Will.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER! The Fellowship Group @ St Agatha's Parish cordially invites you to "A Teaching Afternoon with Fr Joseph Abutu" on Sunday 26 March, the session will be held at the Parish Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Fr Joseph will give us his interesting reflections and thoughts for the 2023 Lenten season. We will have a Q&A after the talk to discuss various aspects of the session. Lent is an important period of reflection and growth for all of us. We use this time as an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of life as our preparation towards Easter. Fellowship snacks and catch up with friends after the session. Please be sure to register your names on our registration forms in the Church Foyer. God's Blessings!

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.**

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



The Recently Deceased: Kevin Hannagan, Mary Rose Evangelista, Camille D'Monte, Connie McVicar, Vincent Ross, Anthony Fernandes, Mary D'Souza

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joseph Daly, Sobitha Abeykoon, Solange, Sylvio, Jaques & Cynthia Jhoolun, Marie Wong, Wilson Francois Charlotte, Joseph Zuel, Joseph Serge Alfred, Robert Veselski, Frank Veselski, Heather Duyvestyn, Margaret Nowden, Beryl La'touche,

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, Kevin Hart, Max King, Philip Sgroi, Tony & Gerda Small

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday of Lent Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

18 th & 19 th March 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Parrocho	L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho
7.30am	M Vechoorettu	C & R Beloso
9.00am	H Guerra	K Parrocho, J Raudino, A Dam
10.45am	Youth Group	R D'Mello, S Lucas, C Tyminski
6.00pm	A Ulu	E Clinch, I Lemalu, J D'Souza
CHURCH COUNTERS		M/M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham

25 th & 26 th March 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Childrens Choir	D Grace, M Cincotta, A Hughes
7.30am	D Abraham	P & L Joseph
9.00am	G Nelson	A Dam, J Kelly, S Spaul
10.45am	S Laufou	T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia
6.00pm	E Abraham	C Joseph, J Connell, B Evans
CHURCH COUNTERS		J Pasala, B Joseph, R D'Mello

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

“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: 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: Epati 0432 410 480
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 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
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: 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 Mary 5996 1985
PLAYGROUP: 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>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 19TH MARCH 2023

FIRST READING

Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The

things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbors and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath'. Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread.....