



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A
14th May 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 Administrator: Rev. Fr Peter Kooloos

Residing Priest: Rev. Fr Paul Zaher

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

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 & 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: 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Parishioners, we wish all mothers a Happy and blessed Mother's Day. It is a special day to appreciate mothers or mother figures, including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers. We express our love and gratitude and thank you, our mothers. This weekend we pray and offer our Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for our mothers, expectant mothers and our mothers who have died and remain so close to us in our memories.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Cassandra Villan Child of Jose & Angelica, Cooper Thorne Child of Laura, Louis & Giselle Gnuyien Children of Ricardo & Henry, Tiana De Hoedt Child of Jason & Rochelle, Kinsley Dennis Child of Adam & Elizabeth.

FUNERAL MASS for Dr Therese D'Orsa will be celebrated at St Joseph's Warragul on Monday 15th May at 11.00am The Diocese of Sale honours the memory and contribution to Catholic Education of Dr Therese D'Orsa who died suddenly on 7 May 2023. Therese was the Director of Catholic Education and Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Sale from 1997 – 2007.

YOUTH WYD: To help their fundraising efforts – Money board winners will be drawn at Masses this weekend. The Youth will be holding a bake sale on Mother's Day, Sunday 14th May to support the WYD fundraising. Thank you for your continued support.

CONFIRMATION: Parent Child Workshop Wednesday 17th May at 5.00pm or 7.00pm in the Church & Thursday 18th May at 7.00pm. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday for the Trinity Family Foundation. Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families within the boundaries of the Diocese. Since its inception (originally named Bishop's Family Foundation), Trinity Families has provided over \$2,000,000 in grants. Your donation to the Trinity Families 2023 Appeal will assist with the ongoing support given by Trinity Families throughout the Diocese of Sale. I encourage you to give generously. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. **Envelopes are available if you wish to give by Credit Card only.**

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: We thank you for your financial support of St Agatha's Parish. Everyone in the Stewardship program is reminded to collect their new envelopes and statement from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023, names are filed in Alphabetical order. If you have any queries or wish to make any changes, please contact Tina or Nona in the Parish Office on 5996 1985. To save on postage PLEASE TAKE YOUR envelopes. Thank you

LOST & FOUND: A few items have been left in the School Hall, Parish Hall and Church over Easter. If you have lost an item please check the lost and found box in the cupboard in the Church foyer. Items will be donated to SVDP if not collected.

RCIA: A time of special blessings for the newest members for the Catholic Church. Bishop Greg will be presiding the Mystagogia Mass on Sunday 21st May at St Joseph's Church, Warragul at 2.00pm. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a formal conclusion to the RCIA journey each year. Newly Baptised and those received into full communion in the Church, Sponsors, parish members, families and team members warmly invited. New Baptised are invited to wear their Baptismal Sash.

RE CLASSES: Wednesday at 4.00pm in the parish hall for children attending non - Catholic schools.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 3rd June 2023 until Easter 2024. Meet at 4.00pm in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT: St. Agatha's Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic. Or are you a baptised Catholic Adult, but have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation? "Come and See" on Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome! For further information contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985

PROJECT COMPASSION would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. Boxes and envelopes can be returned or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

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: Mothers Day

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-mother-s-day>

FORMED

PLAYGROUP: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Parish Hall. Resumes Tuesday 2nd May. All Welcome!

WYD FUNDRAISING DANCE: Due to popular demand St Agatha's will be hosting a second fundraising dance on the 1st July 2023 at 6.30pm St Peter's College Hall. Tickets on Sale from the parish office. Please contact the office for more details. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER: If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or scan the QR code on the notice board outside the Church door.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16th – 24th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked "Flowers" Thank you.

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY OPEN DAY TOURS Enrolments are now open for May 16th 12pm & 5:30pm, May 17th 9:30am & 12pm, May 23rd 12pm & 5:30pm and June 7th 12pm & 5:30pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please call Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour.

BIBLE STUDIES 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. Starting 28th May 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm. For more information or to register contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, MELBOURNE LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE VC: Healing Mass this Friday 12th May 2023 please join us at St Agatha's Parish for 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Praise & Worship, 7:15pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Healing Prayers. For more Information – Ramesh & Bernie 0433 549 167 /0425717556 /0466631130 or email vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions. Engaging Your Faith – May 2023. Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

MYSTERY AND MISSION – THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION: Calling all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, and campus ministers. The 2023 National Conference will be held in Brisbane on September 28-30. Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including

stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or www.palms.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.**

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



The Recently Deceased: Janina Winter, Michel Changtime [In Seychelles], Clizy Forget [in Mauritius]


Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Gemma, Stephen & Maxcy D'Souza, Oty Vaz, Hansley Perrine, Dagma Mantel, Camille D'Monte, Janina Winter, Anna Marie Menezes, Sonia Rowstron, Diana Winifred Thomas, Anthony & Jennifer D'silva, Luddin & Kostan Fernandes, John Almeida,

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, Catherine & Norman Hall

*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 – The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

13 th & 14 th May 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	R Trevisan	M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima
7.30am	M Vechoorettu	C & R Beloso
9.00am	P Joseph	L Joseph, M Nieuwesteeg, Y Prasetyo
10.45am	P Schreurs	L Caballero, K Johnson, M Gambin
6.00pm	I Lemalu	J D'Souza, C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, C & E Moore

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*

20 th & 21 st May 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	L Lim	M D'Costa, R Trevisan, P Hunt
7.30am	D Abraham	P & L Joseph
9.00am	J Raudino	T Dam, M Dam, G Nelson
10.45am	Youth Group	E Mandividza, A Ortencio, M D'Costa
6.00pm	J Macdonald	E Abraham, E Clinch, A Ulu
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J Laufou, M Laufou

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:** Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

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>

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 14TH MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ

may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour... ..

