



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

The Ascension of The Lord
Year A
21st 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 & 11.00am Funeral Mass

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed
& 7.00pm

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.

For all Christians, Sunday is the first of all days because it is the day of the Lord's resurrection. Put simply, it is the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

The very first Christians took Sunday, above all other days, to assemble, to pray, to read the Scriptures and to break bread. From that time until today, this celebration, that Catholics call the Eucharist, has continued. In our own time, we can find Catholic communities moved by the Holy Spirit, coming together on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist or Mass.

Coming together in faith gives members of the Church the opportunity to worship God, to provide for those who are in need; to comfort those who are suffering and to encourage those who are weighed down by life's challenges and difficulties.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Shepherd Louis, child of Benjamin & Rebecca, Archer Adams, child of Jason & Shihani, Charles Orlando-Winbanks, child of Luke & Rosaina, Rea Paraiso, child of Ely & Morena and Jason Dowdell Spence, child of Wayne & Laura.

FUNERAL MASS for Norm Callinan will be held at St Agatha's this Thursday 25th May at 11.00am.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 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: To save on postage costs. Please collect your envelopes, statement, and letter from Fr Joseph from the foyer; names are filed in Alphabetical order. For some Parishioners giving by Direct Debit or Credit Card, statements have been emailed together with Fr Joseph's letter. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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 RETREAT: For children registered for Confirmation, Thursday 1st June arriving at 8.00am for 8.30am start till 2.45pm. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

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. Online registrations open now at https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid,879/id,24/vjew,formmaker/ For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT: If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic. Are you a baptised Catholic Adult, but have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation? Are you Catholic and want to learn more about our faith? "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

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

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.

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.

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: *Eternal Rest*

<https://watch.formed.org/eternal-rest>

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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.

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.

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 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 every First Thursday of the month, 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: Norm Callinan, Paul Arasu, Richard Saw, Marilyn Palmon [Philippines]

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fr Robert Mead, Fr Martin Roche, Fr Patrick Moore, Fr William Ryan, Dean Edward Coleman, Fr Peter Kildiff, Doris Santineer, Camille D'Monte, Robert & Ortela Concesso, Edward & Shirley Moore, Joe Visalli, Albert McFarlain, Dorothy Gonsalvez, Procida Giovanni, Margaret Nowden, Victor Satalich, George Lynch,

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 – Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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, T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	J Macdonald	E Abraham, E Clinch, A Ulu
CHURCH COUNTERS		R David, J Laufou, M Laufou

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

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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*

27 th & 28 th May 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Childrens Choir	L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho
7.30am	R Trevisan	T Heldt, M Vechoorettu
9.00am	J Kelly	R Alejandro, Volunteer, K Parrocho
10.45am	M Thomas	L Gillespie, K Auvale, M D'Costa
6.00pm	R Gimeno	E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, A & R Estrada

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>

Like <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP> @StAgathasCP **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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 21st MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

