



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
17<sup>th</sup> September 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

**Sisters of the Nativity:** 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

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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 &  
11.00am Funeral

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## PARISH NEWS

**Dear Parishioners,** Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." Parishioners are invited to bring their national flag to be dropped off in the parish office before 3.00pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

We thank the Voice for Life group for hosting a successful Movie Night and for all those assisted and joined us.

You are invited to join the Mother's Who Pray for their Children at 9.30am this Tuesday to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette followed by morning tea in the parish hall.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Aayden Fernando, child of Sthalon & Nadeesha, Jaylavenine Aguilar, child of Jayson & Jean, Maisie Draycott, child of Simon & Hanna, Kyah & Zane Bembenuto, children of Marvin & Jacqueline and Adele Masson, child of Denis & Courtney.

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to Dexter Manaloto & Eloisa Legato on their recent marriage.

**FUNERAL MASS** for Odilia Schreurs will be celebrated this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.00am. This Mass will be live streamed for those who would like to join us online via our YouTube channel.

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Church for new Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers. Current Lectors and Extraordinary ministers are invited to join us for a refresher.

**DON'T SUBSIDISE ABORTIONS IN AUSTRALIA:** Please take a flyer from the foyer regarding concerns about our taxes subsidising abortions and transportation to the clinics in Australia.

**RE CLASSES RESUME** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

**AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA:** The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. St Agatha's will be praying the Rosary on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October after 9.30am Mass on the Presbytery front garden.

**COME & SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street. Berwick on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE:** Written by Patrick Morgan "A Mass Kit in the Saddle Bag" is now available. The first two bishops, James Corbett and Patrick Phelan, established a basic but coherent network of Catholic organizations. Bishops Eric D'Arcy and Jeremiah Coffey had to cope with new issues such as increasing secularization and modernist attitudes. Cost: \$25 plus \$5 postage, Patrick Morgan, 610 Limonite Rd, Boolarra, Vic, 3870, phone 5169 6216 or email: [morganpa@iprimus.com.au](mailto:morganpa@iprimus.com.au)

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of Sept 30-Oct 1 in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome. Fifteen people from Australia will be participating in the Synod, and they have asked for our prayers as they prepare for their important task. More info: <https://together2023.net/>

**ST VINNIES FOOD BIN:** "Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time." If you'd like to help the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

**VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, MELBOURNE LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE VC:** Healing Mass every First Thursday of the

**Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!**

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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: *Sharing your Faith with a world that does not want it*

<https://watch.formed.org/carousel/videos/sharing-your-faith-with-a-world-that-doesn-t-want-it-chris-stefanick-show>

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](mailto:vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com)

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** meetings Mondays at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Join us!

**SISTERS OF THE NATIVITY ASSOCIATE FRIENDS (SONAF):** Be a part of our Life and Mission Prayer Meeting/Mass and Grief Support – Every 2nd Friday of the Month at 6.00pm at the Nativity Convent 109-111 Sladen Street Cranbourne.

**ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE:** Orders for a Baby memorial plaque will **close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** in readiness for the Mass of the Angels in mid-November. Anyone wishing to order a plaque for a baby lost to still birth, miscarriage, SIDS or infant loss please contact the parish office or call Maria on 0409 563 864.

**INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT:** Will be held on October 14. Australia's bishops have encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart - the document from which the Voice proposal emerged. <https://indigenousvoice.church/>

**SOUND OF FREEDOM:** In cinemas now, this movie is a way to raise awareness about child trafficking. Together we can make a difference, based on the incredible true story, SOUND OF FREEDOM shines a light on even the darkest of places. [https://www.sofmovie.com.au/?user\\_id=d3810602f6ad01d78205&utm\\_campaign=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm\\_content=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm\\_medium=email\\_action&utm\\_source=Heritage+Films](https://www.sofmovie.com.au/?user_id=d3810602f6ad01d78205&utm_campaign=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm_content=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm_medium=email_action&utm_source=Heritage+Films)

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**ADORATION NIGHT:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Jesus Youth, a Catholic lay organisation, will be leading adoration from 7 to 8:30pm at Holy Family Church, Doveton. Come join for a time of prayer, praise and worship and fellowship!

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** 2024 Study Tour Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece: 20 September – 6 October 2024. Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan. Online Information Sessions: Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm. Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award RSVP & further information: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)

**SAFEGUARDING:** All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy as follows:

1. To have a valid Working With Children Check certificate from the Department of Justice;
2. To sign the current parish Code of Conduct every 3 years; and
3. To undergo the diocesan Safeguarding Training annually (either on-line or in person whenever it is available).

Should you have any difficulty in complying with any of the above requirements, kindly inform the parish office and we will assist you to do the necessary.

**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:** Fr Brian Gleeson, Odilia Schreurs, Ethal Joachim, Josephine Jans, Stella Fernando [Sri Lanka], Pyrawy Sivarajah, Lurline McDonald

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Gemma, Bonaventure, Stephen & Maxcy D'Souza, Paily Paulo 1<sup>st</sup>, Edward King, Eugenio, Santa Maria & Antonio Cimino, Rosario Bellinva, Depated Souls of Dsa family, Josiane & Anick Michel, Anto Patterson, Chrisanthi Perera, Enid D'Lima, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Ann Mariadason, Joan Whitfield, Charles Sequeira, Ramya Fernandes, Dean Peter Coyne VG,

**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, Norman Hall, Richard Nathan, Carmela Rayburn, Ian Wilkinson, Rose Rosevear,

*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 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Lim	R Clarke, A Simmons, M Sutherland
7.30am	D Abraham	L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu
9.00am	J Kelly	G Nelson, R Alejandro, J Raudino
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, A Ortencio, R D'Mello
6.00pm	J MacDonald	E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John
CHURCH COUNTERS		J Pasala, B Joseph, R D'Mello

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

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*

23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	B Evans, K Parrocho, A Hughes
7.30am	R Trevisan	C & R Beloso
9.00am	I Lemalu	A Dam, S Spaul, P Joseph
10.45am	L Caballero	L Gillespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	R Gimeno	I Lemalu, J D'Souza, C Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn

## 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: 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 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: 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 the Parish Office: 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>



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



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**PARISH APP:** The parish APP is available from '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**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 17<sup>TH</sup> September 2023**

**FIRST READING**

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread... ..