



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Year A**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## 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]

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**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 Antony Rebelo

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Ajin Albarnas

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Faustina Ede &  
Sr. Victoria Orinya

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Tina Dam

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr Adam Dam

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer & Admin**

**Assistant:** Mrs Michelle Murray [Wed & Thurs]

☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**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

**Acting Principal:** Mr David Hansen

## 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 & Livestreamed

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 9.30am & 11.00am funeral

Thursday: **8.30am**

Friday: 9.30am, 11.30am funeral & 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am

### 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

**Divine Office:** Resumes Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Adoration Chapel:** Sunday: 6am to 6pm

Monday: 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday: 6am to 10pm.

Entry via FOB, obtained via the parish office

### First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass** 7.00pm Healing Mass followed by

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 after 9.30am  
Mass

### Baptisms

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month,  
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,** Today is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY as every second Sunday of Easter the Church celebrates the feast of the DIVINE MERCY, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina. This year, Narre Warren parish is hosting all the parishes in the Diocese to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Greg and other priests this Sunday at 3.00pm. Parishioners are invited to join in this celebration. Fr. Antony pp

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Dakota, Owen & Judd Watson, children of Jamie & Jessica.  
**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** may be given on the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection plate over the next coming weeks. Thank you.

**CELEBRATING SR. FAUSTINA'S SILVER JUBILEE:** Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Sr Faustina on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet. Followed by lunch at St Agatha's School Hall. Parishioners are invited to bring 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. Clipboards will be available next weekend.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Information Session and Parent Workshop: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00pm or 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Parents need to attend only One session (no need to bring your child). Note that this night will be a combined Information Night and Parent workshop. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**BIRYANI SALE: CARITAS FUNDRAISER with a Biryani Sale** after 10.45am Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please support this fundraiser. Thank you

**CARITAS & PARISH FUNDRAISING:** Sharon will be selling beautiful Mother's Day gifts ranging from \$8 to \$50 after 10.45am Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. **Cash only!**

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. Project Compassion boxes can be *returned now*. \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you have requested a tax receipt they will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

**"SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MINISTRY (SRM) INVITES** you on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April for a day Seminar at St Agatha's Parish, Parish Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm. **WINNING THE WAR IN THE HOME.** Flyers available in the Church foyer & the notice board outside the church. For more details or to register call Frenco 0413519863.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**DIGITAL KEY:** *If you misplace or lose your FOB, please contact the parish office immediately.* If your FOB for the Adoration Chapel, is no longer working please contact the parish office. If you wish to access the Adoration Chapel contact the parish office to arrange to collect FOB key. A deposit of \$15 is required per FOB.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS IS ON SUNDAY:** 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2PM ST. JOSEPH'S WARRAGUL. Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. The newly Baptized and those received into full communion are invited to attend with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Wearing your stole. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. RSVP the parish office by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**ST AGATHA PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2026-2030:** In early April, the Parish Pastoral Council will present the draft Pastoral Plan (2026-2030). Developed through prayer, reflection, and parish consultation following the Plenary Council, the draft outlines a shared vision and goals for our parish in alignment with the Diocese of Sale.

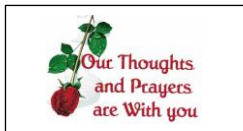
Parishioners are invited to: ♦Read and reflect on the draft ♦Share feedback and suggestions. Further details will be provided soon. Your voice remains vital as we shape the future of our parish.

**FUNDRAISING:** My Big Adventure, story book by Lorie Cotacte a parishioner of St Agatha's. A comforting story for children, parents, and teachers to share, reminding little hearts: "You are perfectly made, and Jesus delights in you! \$13 proceeds of the book will be donated to the parish and Caritas. Contact Parish office.

**PARENT & CHILD SUPPORT COUNSELLING SERVICES:** You are not alone. Reach Out. Offering free sessions at St. Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne. Available times: Friday 11:00am - 11.45am, 12:00pm - 12.45pm; Saturday 10:30am - 11.15pm, 11.30am - 12.15pm. For enquiries contact the parish office during business hours 5996 1985 Email or book online: [info@hope-4-children.com.au](mailto:info@hope-4-children.com.au)

**SAFEGUARDING WWCC & NEW DIOCESAN PARISH CODE OF CONDUCT:** All parish volunteers are required by the Safeguarding Standards to have a Working with Children Check, and to sign the new Parish Code of Conduct. This is mandatory for all volunteers <https://www.stagathas.org.au/safety.html> If you require any clarification, please contact Michelle Murray on 5996 1985. Wed or Thurs

**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 Officer is Michelle Murray [Wednesday & Thursday] contact 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:** Tasisio Paulo, Barbara Gray


**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Lazer, Roselin, Mariapalam, Virichithammal & David Master, Marguerite Daly, Clare, Bernadette, Thomas, Emeline & Lionel Jayakody, Devasia Kottarathil, David Wookey, Norman Francis, Des & Margaret Howe, Robert Bird, Alejandra Reardon, Diodita Regondal Lacadan, Rogin Dsouza, Susai Mary, Alexander Zambrans, Vivencio Barroso, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Eustace Silva, Slanza Rebelo, Maria Das, Antony Roberts, John Foley, Abraham Thomas, Yolanda Barroso, Fr Michael Nelan, Fr Wilfred Pooley, Fr Daniel Horan, Fr Harry Verbruggen, Fr Richard Buckley, Fr John McCormack, Fr John McCann

**Those who are sick:** Jacinta O'Neal, Myrtle Whiteman, Gerard MacFarlaine, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari

*With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Loved ones prayed for on the sick list will remain on the list for one month, unless advised otherwise. 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter      Acts 2:14,22-33      St Peter 1:17-21      Luke: 24:13-35

11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	R Sutherland	R Clarke, K Parrocho, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim
7.30am	H De Costa	M & D Lutu
9.00am	C Gostimir	P Joseph, L Joseph, Y Prasetyo, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, volunteer, M Gambin
10.45am	R Gimeno	C Noronha, I Lemalu, T Nyerenyere, N Atulia, L Caballero, R Samson, T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	L Piedad	C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello

**ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE** 

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

“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*

18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	A Ah Sui	R Clarke, K Parrocho, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, M Parrocho
7.30am	C Philip	R Beloso, P Joseph
9.00am	E Mandividza	Volunteer, K Auvale, C Pereira, A Dam, T Dam, C Noronha, volunteer
10.45am	Youth Group	A Hughes, M D'Costa, T Lupeamanu, L Cotacte, R Samson, J Raudino, volunteer
6.00pm	A Kumarasin	E Clinch, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin

**ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:**  
**Invigorate Youth -**  
*ALPHA Session run for all ages! ALPHA is a place where young people can learn more about their Christian faith, amongst their peers!*  
**All STAY activities are for ages 12 - 25 unless specified otherwise!**  
**Follow us on Instagram! @stagathasyouthcranbourne**

**GROUPS & MEETINGS**

- RCIA:** [For Adults interested in becoming Catholic] Enquiries Parish Office: 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
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in the Church.
- SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday 6.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Tuna Fuimaono 0499 333 996
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927
- YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-17]** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
- INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1<sup>st</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; Meeting 6.00pm
- 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
- LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Pracena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491
- HOLY SPIRIT HOUR:** Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz

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

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

**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>

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.***

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

### **SECOND READING**

**1Pt 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious

that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!***

### **GOSPEL**

**Jn 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'. Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread... ..