



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



Plenary Council 2020  
*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* REV 27

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Year C**  
**12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## 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)

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Antony Rebelo IVD

### Sisters of the Nativity:

Sr. Mary Olofu & Sr. Faustina Ede ☎ 5996 1985

### Parish Child Safety Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

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**Parish Secretaries:** Sue Ryan & Tina Dam

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### St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

**Principal:** Mr Terry Cahill

### St Therese's Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

Cranbourne North

☎ 5996 7525

**Principal:** Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

### 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

### Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am

**Tuesday:** **No Mass**

**Wednesday:** 9.30am

**Thursday:** 9.30am

**Friday:** 9.30am

**Saturday:** 9.30am

### Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am

### Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am

First Friday of the Month: 8.30pm - 9.00am

**Adoration Chapel:** 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

**Healing Mass** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month at 6.00pm

### First Saturday Mass at 9.30am

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass** 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and all-night Adoration

**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 in the Adoration Chapel.

### 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 Hall. [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.

We also acknowledge the truth we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Jesus. Let us show our love and appreciation for both or our mothers, and ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers. This weekend we pray and offer our Eucharistic celebration for our mothers, expectant mothers and our mothers who have died and remain so close to us in our memories.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday it is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Easter, we thank you for your generous support of the special collection for the education of our seminarians to the priesthood last weekend. We are grateful for the wonderful Priests and Religious we have and we pray God would always bless and provide for them.

A request from Pope Francis "I ask parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love."

(Message of Pope Francis, 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

God bless you all, Fr Antony

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Isla & Piper Mills, children of Ashley & Sinead, Alvin Murungweni, child of Reason & Amanda, and Elanor Bird, child of John & Sandra.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. Boxes and envelopes can be returned and placed in the basket on the Sanctuary or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** will be prayed every day at Mass, starting this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May till Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Parent/Child Workshop Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5.00pm or 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, names are filed in Alphabetical order. We were due to run a new Stewardship Campaign at this time; however, Father Joseph and the Parish Finance Council have extended our current campaign until June 2020. Father will be updating parishioners shortly. **Due to a printing error we had to reopen your envelope and insert the June envelopes, which were omitted from your pack. You will find the June envelopes at the back of your pack, we apologise if your addressed envelope is not sealed well.** If you have any queries or wish to make any changes please contact Sue or Tina in the Parish Office on 5996 1985. To save on postage some Parishioners giving by Direct Debit or Credit Card, receipts will be emailed in the coming week.

**TRINITY FAMILIES COLLECTION:** will be taken up *next weekend* of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May. Trinity Families is the Sale Diocese's charitable fund



which does magnificent work providing support for programs which aid families in need of welfare services. The theme this year is **"Be the reason someone smiles today."** Your generosity in supporting this annual appeal will be greatly appreciated.

Envelopes will be available this week on the pews which can be used for donations. Cheque and credit card donations can be posted back to the diocese but we ask that cash donations are placed in the envelope and returned in one of the Sunday collections. Tax deductible receipts will be provided if you give your email or postal address.

The Trinity Families website <http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au/> has details if you wish to donate by direct debit. Again, please give generously to this once a year appeal and hopefully we see smiles on the faces of many more struggling families within our diocese.

**RCIA:** For those who have become Catholic there will be follow up meetings to develop their prayer life further, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30pm in Providence House.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin midyear till Easter 2020. Participants attend Mass at 9.00am followed by classes at the end of Mass in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code. **2QKKNB**  
**For parents & children making the Sacrament of Confirmation Session 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit**  
<https://formed.org/study/5602d3f82c360d300a30888e/lesson/5602d4e12c360d300a30888f>

**THE TALK:** 18<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A 6-week program for parents on how to speak to their children about sex education. This program was run last year with some very positive results. Those couples or parents that attended asked that this program be made available for all parents as it is such a valuable program. Some comments on evaluation sheets: *"It helped me to get more understanding about the topic, lots of tips to talk to children about sex, Christian views of sexual related topics."*

**NO THURSDAY EVENING MASS** while Fr Joseph is on pilgrimage.

**FEDERAL ELECTION:** The Catholic bishops will release a federal election statement. The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.au/>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is for school aged children from Prep upwards as age-appropriate versions of the readings are presented to children in a relaxed and engaging environment in order that children comprehend the stories at their level. Children then re-join the congregation to participate in the rest of the Mass with their families. **Please do not send young children to the group.**

**ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL:** New Admin Building builders have fenced off the upper carpark for their building site. Parking will still be available if the temporary fencing gates are open. The disabled parks will still be available for parishioners.

**"CALLED" CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR ON:** Saturday, 25 May 2019. 8:30am for 9:00am start. Ends 5:00pm. St. Augustine's Church - Parish Hall, 631 Bourke Street (beside Southern Cross train station) Event is free. Lunch will be provided. Morning sessions are pre-requisites for the afternoon sessions. Details can be found on the registration link below. Register at [bit.ly/SFLCalled](http://bit.ly/SFLCalled) We highly encourage the young adults to come to the "Called" Christian Life Seminar as preparation for the Singles Conference in July.

**AUSTRALIA SINGLES CONFERENCE:** We are extremely excited as we have invited Father Denis O'Bryan as one of our 3 guest priests and Bishop Mark Edwards as well. **Theme: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord - Joshua 24:15** 12 - 14 July 2019 Time: Friday 5:30pm registration. Ends Sunday 3:00pm. Don Bosco Retreat Centre, 465 Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield Register at [bit.ly/CFCSFL\\_ASC2019](http://bit.ly/CFCSFL_ASC2019)

**CRANBOURNE UNITING PATCHWORKER'S** would like to invite you to their "Biggest Morning Tea" on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am. Black and White Ascot Theme and a most elegant lady will be providing the entertainment. There will be a door prize and gift raffles. \$10 entry free and all proceeds to go to the Cancer Council.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN:** If you are a **VOLUNTEER** in our parish, you are required to have signed a **Parish Code of Conduct & a current Working with Children card.** It is very easy process online and there is no fee for registering. Please go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

**KARDIA FORMATION SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Have you wondered about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? Spiritual Exercises are a tool in which to grow in one's relationship with God, using a contemporary approach, following the structure of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. We welcome your enquiry and are happy to meet to support you on this journey. To find out more contact enquiries@kardia.com.au 10.

**YOUTH CORNER:** The Theme for this year is 'Faith Formation'. If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other's in the Parish please give me a call. Contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256.

**The L.A.M.P. "Live Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly"** Micah 6:8 Our next LAMP event will be held at St Michael's Berwick. **Come along and be inspired to make a difference in our world.** There will be games, fun, reflection and worship. Dinner will be provided. Registration is free but we ask that you bring along donations for those in need in our community. Go to [www.thelampyouth.com](http://www.thelampyouth.com)

**Recently Deceased**

Fr John Pearce (Passionist)  
 Freddie Ambrosio  
 Mary Aldag, Thressia George  
 Christiane Fabre  
 Teresa Jaime [In France]

**Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries**

Saturday 6.00pm-- For a special Intention for Joan, In Thanksgiving [Rohan & Vimal Family] & Teresa Jaime [Rec Dec]  
 Sunday 7.30am-- Christopher Weinman [Anniv], Lorraine Margaret Firth [Anniv] Pradeep Liyanage [Remb]  
 " 9.00am-- Helen Dolinar [Anniv], Mario & Carmelo Aliberto [Anniv]  
 " 10.45am-- Jovito Villarente Miguela [Anniv] & Casella Maria Domenica [Remb]  
 " 6.00pm-- For a special intention for Mother's Day & In Thanksgiving for birthday

**Feasts****Anniversaries:**

Claire Donnelly  
 Christopher Weinman  
 Lorraine Margaret Firth  
 Helen Dolinar  
 Mario & Carmelo Aliberto  
 Jovito Villarente  
 Casella Maria Domenica

**Weekday Masses**

Monday 9.30am-- Christina Jacob [3<sup>rd</sup> B'day today] & Alister Quintal & Yaser Sleiman [B'days today] Our Lady of Fatima  
 Tuesday No Mass St Matthias, Apostle  
 Wednesday 9.30am-- Thressia George [Rec Dec] & For the Souls in Purgatory  
 Thursday 9.30am-- For healing of Dimuthu & For the Souls in Purgatory  
 Friday 9.30am-- For the intentions of Chloe, Cale, Xavier & Eliza & For successful surgery for Kara Spierings  
 Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 [Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

**Sick List:** Rita Hartney, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia, Zinnia Noah Godden, Catherine Williams

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.

**Rosters for Ministries****11-12 May 2019: Lectors:**

**6.00pm:** A Quintal R Weinman, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter  
**7.30am:** D Abraham R Crozier, D Krella, M Soni  
**9.00am:** D Marie M Dam, A Dam Y Shedden, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, D Barker  
**10.45am:** R Alejandro E Mandizvidza, M Auvale, R Alejandro, P Schreurs, L & G Clark, Sr Faustina, C Frenkel  
**6.00pm:** M Lutu V Prasetyo, J Seeborun, A Antony, T Hummel, B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh

**Extraordinary Ministers:****Welcomers:**

J Bourke, C D'Lima  
 K Martini  
 P & T Dam  
 M Iverach, D Deri  
 L Tuffnell

**Church Cleaners for the week 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May:** F Lorenzin, C Solorzano, J Staines

**Counters:** L Besterwitch, D Krella, C Moses

**Children's Liturgy:** Channa & Jessy

**18-19 May 2019: Lectors:**

**6.00pm:** R Trevisan A Quintal, S Joseph, T Heldt, R Weinman, K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt  
**7.30am:** P Condina L & S Jean Louis, R Crozier  
**9.00am:** H Guerra L Dunkley, D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, S Borsodi, P Joseph, J Seeborun  
**10.45am:** Youth Member R D'Mello, T Lupeamanu, L Fosio, M Gambin, L Caballero, A Ortencio, T Macharaga, K Johnson  
**6.00pm:** E Abraham Y Prasetyo, T Treacy, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, L Tuffnell, A Antony

**Extraordinary Ministers:****Welcomers:**

T Jolley, R Estrada  
 L Adikari  
 L Nasalio, L Samuelu  
 L & G Clark  
 M Maroney

**Church Cleaners for the week 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Afaese Family

**Counters:** M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham

**Children's Liturgy:** Anna & Priya

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 14:21-27;

Apoc: 21:9,1-5;

Jn 13:31-35

**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 Mary 5996 1985.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985

**ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP:** Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**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: Leo 5995 6813

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Mon 10.30am in the Hall Enq: Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: John 0448 343 074

**PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY:** For further information contact Parish Office.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hr by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161

**INVIGORATE [Age12-17] YOUTH GROUP:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9.30am & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

**AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7.15pm - 9.00pm. Enquiries Sr. Mary 5996 1985

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email [voiceforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:voiceforlife@hotmail.com)

**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 5996 1985

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188

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

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.*

**FIRST READING**

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

*My sheep*

*Hear My Voice*

**SECOND READING**

Apoc 7:14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death ... ..



*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.