



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
1st September 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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Website: 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 &
Sr Victoria Orinya ☎ 5996 1985

Parish Safe Guarding 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, 2.00pm
& 6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9.30am

Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

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 1st 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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information
Session held on 1st 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

PARISH NEWS

We wish all Fathers in our Parish a happy and Blessed Father's Day today!

Dear Parishioners, Pope Francis has designated September 1st as the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He hopes this day will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

We congratulate all the children making their First Communion this weekend and pray that your love for Jesus in the Eucharist will grow in your hearts.

This weekend we ask God's blessing for all fathers on Father's Day, and remember our deceased fathers in our prayers.

We thank the Parish Voice for Life group, who have made a special book mark for all Fathers, the members will be distributing them after Masses this weekend.

We look forward to Fr Antony's safe return from his holidays this Friday. God bless, you Fr Joseph.

HEALING MASS: 1st Sunday of the Month, today at 6pm Mass led by Fr. Joseph.

MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will take place this Friday 6th September. It will begin with Divine Office at 7.00pm, Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. **The all-night Prayer Vigil is held on the first Friday of each month.** All Welcome!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Mass of Reparation in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place 7th September Saturday 2019, **after the 9.30am Mass.** This devotion includes the reciting of 1 Rosary and meditating on the other 3 Mysteries of the Rosary and concluding with a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Welcome.

YOUTH SAUSAGE SIZZLE will be hosted on Sunday 15th September after 9.00am & 10.45am Masses to support the Youth in Preparation for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth. We thank all those who supported our last sausage sizzle which raised \$ 1,115.00.

PARISH MISSION WITH FR JIM SICHKO – Sept 16-18: Fr Jim is a full-time preacher, Evangelist and Motivational speaker from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky USA. In 2016, Pope Francis commissioned him as one of his Papal Missionaries of Mercy. He invites us all to have "60 Minutes for Jesus". Each evening at 7.30pm he will present a talk with storytelling, praise and laughter. He will take every day experiences that we come into contact with, find Jesus in the midst of those experiences and weave them in and out of the lives of the Gospel. He will teach people about Jesus in a very energetic and faith-filled way using Scripture and song." The mission will be 'family orientated'.

VOCATIONS DAY- WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU? All are invited to attend our Vocations Day on Saturday 21st September, beginning with Mass at 9.30am and followed by a day of guest speakers from 10.00am – 4.00pm in St Agatha's School Hall. Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments will be available by donation. Come and See, where God may be calling you to serve. To register please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR>

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY THEMES: What would a parish living the joy of the gospel look like? Parishioners are invited to share your thoughts with us! Faith formation and Spirituality, Leadership & Governance, Families and Vocation, Liturgy & Prayer, The Welcoming Community. Small question sheets are available from the table in the foyer, please complete and place in the box provided in the Church foyer before Sunday 8th September. You may also send your own submission online <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. For Father's Day Appeal for The Priests' Welfare Foundation of The Diocese of Sale. This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

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ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION: A training session will be held for new Altar servers and newly joined on Friday 20th September, 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Church.

CHILD SAFETY CORNER: Catholic Care is conducting training sessions on our obligations as volunteers in the parish. You are kindly reminded that Bishop Patrick as well as our parish priest Fr Joseph require you to attend one of these sessions that are being conducted throughout the diocese. The next training session will be held at St Mary's Parish, Cowes, Sunday 8th September 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Please book online at <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training>

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC 2019 CONFERENCE: 2 Tim 1:6 'Be Faithful to your Spiritual calling, 6th to 8th September, Marist Sion College, 165 Burke St Warragul. Speakers: Fr Francis Otobo PP Traralgon, CCR Chaplain and Mrs Anne Brereton, Chairperson CCR Australia. All welcome. Please see brochures for program details and registration. To help with catering, please contact Cathy McLure on 0432588195 or Michael Power on 0488680681.

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE: Students & Staff of the Classes 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and the Class of 2014 are invited on Sunday 8th September 2.00pm to 4.00pm including afternoon tea and a tour of the School. RSVP Lynne Evans 9568 5488 or levans@shgc.vic.edu.au

EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF: Heavy monsoon rains have caused extensive damage in several countries across Asia. Urgent assistance for emergency relief would be appreciated! Donations, which are tax deductible, may be sent to Salesian Missions Australia PO Box 264, Ascot Vale Vic 3032. Tel 9377 6014 or via the website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED: 15 members of our Parish Youth Group will be attending the Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December. The cost to attend is approximately \$1300 per person which covers flights, accommodation, registration and meals. We are working hard as a group to raise funds through our sausage sizzles and other ventures; however, we appeal to parishioners for your financial support. If you would like to sponsor a youth member or make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Father or Sr Mary or contact the Parish Office. We thank you for your support of our sausage sizzle fundraiser last weekend, we raised \$1,100.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour on Friday 6th September departing 9.30am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

YOUTH CORNER: Have you just turned 18? Are you in the Youth Group? Are you involved in a Parish Ministry? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you are required to apply for a Working with Children Card and sign a Parish Code of Conduct. The WWC card is free for volunteers you can apply online and register as a volunteer for St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Cranbourne. If you require assistance or for more information please contact the Parish Office. ARE YOU IN YEAR 7 –YEAR 12? Would you like to join our Junior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 12-14 or our Senior Invigorate Youth Group for ages 15-17? Inauguration of new youth members will take place on Sunday 15th September after the 10.45am Mass in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985.

Recently Deceased

Elmer Fanega

Mass Times & Intentions, Recent Deaths, Anniversaries

Saturday 6.00pm--Vivian Carr [B'day today] In Thanksgiving favours granted
 Sunday 7.30am-- For a Special Intention Mathews Family & Paul Buttigieg [Anniv]
 " 9.00am-- Ronald Hughes [Anniv] & For the Intentions of Denzil Noronha
 " 10.45am-- Carmelo Sottile [Anniv] & In Thanksgiving [Joan]
 " 2.00pm-- For the People of the Parish
 " 6.00pm-- Mary Jose [Anniv] & Elmer Fanega [Rec Dec 40 days]

Feasts

Anniversaries:

Gwendoline Cramer
 Nina Sammut
 Mary Jose
 Paul Buttigieg,
 Ronald Hughes
 Carmelo Sottile
 Fr John Kavanagh
 Catalina Camba
 Fr Mariadas

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.30am-- In Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Eliana [Euan & Simona Moore] & Lonappan [RIP Anniv]
 Tuesday 9.30am-- Liya Thanksgiving & Anne Sebastian [27th Anniv] St Gregory the Great
 Wednesday 9.30am-- Elmer Fanega [Rec Dec]
 Thursday 9.30am-- Fr Mariadas [Anniv]
 Friday 9.30am-- Thanksgiving Spring Ember Day
 " 7.30pm-- In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Saturday 9.30am-- In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for Vocations
 [Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

Sick List: Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Bellinva, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Yolanda Shedden
 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

31 Aug 1Sept 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: H Guerra C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, R Weinman, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley

7.30am: L Adikari D Krella, L & S Jean Louis

9.00am: T Dam S Borsodi, A Malia Ulu, L Ahsio, Volunteer, M Parrocho, T Dam, M Dam

10.45am: R Alejandro T Lupeamanu, L Fosio, T Macharaga, K Johnson, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, R D'Mello, T Nyerenyere

6.00pm: C James L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, Y Prasetyo, Volunteer, A Antony, T Hummel

Church Cleaners for the week 2nd to 9th Sept: S Jean Louis, D Krella, M Magkase

Counters: P & T Dam, J McLean

Children's Liturgy: B D'Costa & C Poliquit

Welcomers:

J Bourke, C D'Lima

A & A Quintal

L Nasalio, L Samuelu

P & O Schruers

Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers:

6.00pm: D Hughes P Hunt, M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, K Jolley

7.30am: T Vechooretu D Krella, M Soni, L Adikari

9.00am: Volunteer G Raudino, A Dam, Volunteer, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuwesteeg, H Speelmeyer

10.45am: A Ortencio A Antony, R Beloso, M Robinson, T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro, L Lucas

6.00pm: A Ah Sui B Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, R Weinman, T Treacy, J Connel, C James

Church Cleaners for the week 9th to 14th Sept: N Manuel, J Morel, A Hughes

Counters: L Besterwitch, W Barber, T Saldanha

Children's Liturgy: S Lucas, F Dickie

Welcomers:

T Jolley, R Estrada

L Adikari

G Nelson, Y Shedden

D Deri, R Afaese

M Maroney

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wis 9:13-18;

Philemon 9-10,12-17;

Lk 14:25-33

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 Faustina 5996 1985.

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

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

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: Leo 5995 6813

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am in the Hall Enq: Jacinta 0426 973 026 & Wed 7.30pm in Providence House. Enq: John 0448 343 074

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

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

AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd 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

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 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: 3rd 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

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1.7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man". And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher". In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread

Humility
a strange thing.
The minute you think
you've got it,
you've lost it.

