



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Year B  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

## 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 Prabhu Antony

**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 & 11.30am Funeral Mass

**Wednesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & 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

**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 after  
9.30am Mass

## 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.

**Dear Parishioners,**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. It is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects and protects his flock – responsibilities that belong to every Church leader.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence Bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, bosses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds.

On this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood and for all of us that we may live out our vocations as His will. Let us pray that we may all both receive and accept God's offered vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life as well as to Marriage and single state, so that we may have more Holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect a receptive Catholic community.

Fr Prabhu and I are so grateful to you all for your prayers and financial help that you are giving to support our seminarians every year.

May God Bless you all.

**Fr. Antony PP**

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Myles Ghunsawn Child of Didier & Claudia Ghunsawn, Harrison & Penelope Kirkwood-lay Children of James & Sabrina, Mataius Sciascia Child of Genesis & Fueali'i.

**FUNERAL MASS** will be celebrated for Alexander Zambrans, this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 11.30am beginning with viewing at 11.00am.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed this Thursday for the Anzac Day public holiday.

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** may be given on the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection plate over the next coming weeks. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office is temporarily operating from Providence House during renovations. Staff can still be contacted by phone on 5996 1985 or visiting Providence House on the corner of 135 Sladen and Scott Street.

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS:** The Organ choir needs new members to sing at 9.00am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

**CONFIRMATION:** Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Church. Parents need to attend only One session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes at home, please bring them back ASAP or visit [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** resumed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm for children who attend non-Catholic schools.

**RCIA MYSTAGOGIA MASS** will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm at St Thomas the Apostle, 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. We encourage the newly Baptized and those received into full communion in the church to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families and Team members. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. Please RSVP the parish office on 5996 1985. Newly Baptised are invited to wear their sash. Refreshments after Mass, please bring a plate to share.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY** will be selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses as a fundraiser leading up to the Conference.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>.** Come and experience 'Mother's who Pray for their Children' at the Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne. Join us for insightful talks, live music, stalls and more. Secure your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1148763>

**Meetings** held on Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Mother's, Grandmother's and Spiritual Mother's Welcome! Any inquiries please contact Mary – 0417 391 298. Follow us on Facebook – Mothers who Pray for their Children/International or Instagram. For more information go to: <http://motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com/>

**VFL MEETING:** Once a Month on Tuesday at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life.

**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.

**FATIMA TO LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Mary and the Saints Pilgrimage from the Anniversary celebrations in Fatima, through Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes and Montserrat. Accompanied by Fr Denis O'Bryan Commencing Monday 10 September 2024, 10 nights, 11 days. Bookings and enquiries harvest Journeys 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com/ms](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/ms)

**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:** Alexander Zambrans, Lorraine Ring, Michael Lally [Ireland]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne, Francis Vas, Delma Maria Padua, Michael Hankins, Antonio Dela Torre, Mario Bracci, Carmelo, Mario & Lucia Aliberto, Irene May, Eugenio Cimino, Santa Maria Cimino, Christina Giucastro, Katerina Mandanici, Linus Johnson, Winona Douyere, Francesca Calderone, Francesco Bellinvia, Richard Serge Lahuassee, Sybil Philips, Gabriel Orinya, Heshan De Silva<sup>[1<sup>st</sup>]</sup>, Carol Caesar, Sr Ruby,

**Those who are sick:** Otto Harris, Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Danielle Howe, John Larkin, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Benedict Thomas, Faith Lynch

*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 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	D Hughes	D Grace, M Cincotta, R Clarke
7.30am	R Trevisan	R Beloso, L Joseph
9.00am	H Guerra	S Spaul, I Lemalu, M Nieuwesteeg
10.45am	Youth Group	M D'Costa, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas
6.00pm	J MacDonald	R Howell, C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		

#### 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*

27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, M Sutherland, B Evans
7.30am	M Lutu	T Heldt, M Vechoorettu
9.00am	R Gimeno	T Dam, M Dam, Y Prasetyo
10.45am	E Mandividza	R Dmello. Reanne Dmello, N Atulia, L Caballero
6.00pm	Volunteer	E Clinch, J MacDonald, A John
CHURCH COUNTERS		

#### 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 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**AGAPE [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; 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



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024**

### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 4:8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-stone.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R.**

### **SECOND READING**

*1John 3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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 10:11-18*

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death ... ..



*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."*