



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year A  
10<sup>th</sup> May 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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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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**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 & 10.30am Willow Wood Aged Care

Thursday: 9.30am & 11.00am Funeral

Friday: 9.30am, 1.00pm Funeral & 7.00pm

Saturday: **10.30am 16<sup>th</sup> May**

### 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 Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by

**Divine Office:** Morning prayer 9.00am - 9.15am

**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.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!**

Dear Parishioners, greetings to you all. Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating **Mother's Day** and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. We offer this Sunday Eucharistic celebration for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward.

**Remember that a Christian has two mothers:** On Mother's Day, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am, I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

**Mother's Day Blessing**

Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers, who taught about God and love and being good, who always forgave and forgot, who make the world so much better, who deserve our love on every day even for eternity. Heavenly Father, Bless all those You have entrusted with motherhood. Inspire them to follow the example of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, and follow her in her fidelity, humility, and selfless love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in heaven. Amen

Fr. Antony Rebelo

**THE 2026 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE** (Mass Count) will take place over four weekends in May 2026. This exercise is always undertaken in the same year as the National Census is conducted.

**WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD:** Eren Santiago Novera, child of Juan & Dianne.

**FUNERAL MASSES** for Colleen Neeamuthkhan will be celebrated at on Friday 15th May at **1.00pm** and for Piuti Lesoa will be celebrated this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am.

**NEW LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER COMMISSIONING:** Will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am Mass.

**DONATIONS FOR SR FAUSTINA:** We are celebrating Sr Faustina's 25th Jubilee in recognition of her years of dedication and service. If you would like to contribute, donations may be dropped off at the parish office at your convenience. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Parent & Child workshop Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS & ENVELOPES:** Please collect your stewardship envelope and letter from Fr Antony from the table in the foyer. Envelopes are filed in surname alphabetical order. Statements and father's letter have been emailed for those giving by direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 until Easter 2027. Meet at 4.00pm, parish hall. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**RCIA INQUIRY NIGHT 2026:** An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming Catholic or for Adult Baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

**PROJECT COMPASSION: Final days to return Project Compassion boxes.** \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you have requested a tax receipt they will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

**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 2.00pm at 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.

**HOLY SPIRIT HOUR:** All parishioners are invited to spend an hour with the Holy Spirit, to be held twice monthly every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (except school holidays). **Starting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 21st of May, 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church.** The hour will include a short video teaching on the Holy Spirit by Franciscan priest Fr Dave Pivonka, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayer & song. This month's topic is 'God's Love Poured Out'.

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS STORY,** exploring the life of so relevant to us today You are invited to an online presentation. **Presenter:** Joshua Lourensz, 13th May 2026, 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm, Online. Register at: [tinyurl.com/376vubez](http://tinyurl.com/376vubez)

**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.

**Trinity Families Appeal – 2026:** Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. **Special collection taken up 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

**PALMS:** Two IMPACTFUL Sessions! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events)

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan  
Date: Thursday 21 May 2026  
Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST  
02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



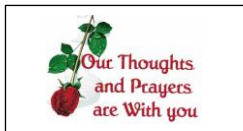
**KARDIA FORMATION:** Winter Guided Reflection – 2026. Heart Wisdom Graduates: Andrea Grant and Steve Nash. These guided reflections and conversations are led by Andrea Grant and Steve Nash. Wintering names a season of cold and quiet — a fallow time in life, where rest and waiting have their own purpose. Cost \$160  
MAY 27 • ADOPTING A CONTEMPLATIVE STANCE  
JUNE 3 • LEARNING T O LIE FALLOW  
JUNE10 • LETTING GO  
JUN17 • THE GRACES OF STILLNESS

Four weekly sessions (90 minutes - 7.30-9.00pm Australian Eastern Time) Enrol at: <https://therightdirt.com.au/booking> For teachers in Victoria: Accreditation - REC-024193

**HEALING MASS:** St Peter's Church 844 Centre Rd, Bentleigh East. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 6.00pm Confession & Rosary, 7.00pm Mass. See flyer for more information

**PARENT & CHILD SUPPORT COUNCELLING 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:** 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.  
**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> 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:** Piuti Lesoa, Colleen Neeamuthkhan, Margaret Jongen, Aubino Conceicao


**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Nathaniel Denver, George Kartheyedathu, Anna George, Helen Dolinar, Macrohon [RIP B'day Remb] Amanda Macrohon & Anecita Manteza & Eutropia Natt, Shaji Jacob, Michel & Conny Changtime, Bonaventure & Gemma D'Souza, Rocco Barca, Patrick, Iris & Patricia Rodrigues, Maria Das, Antony Roberts, Robert Bird, Thyag & Irene Paldano, Fr Aeneas Hennesy, mg James O'Mara

**Those who are sick:** Jacinta O'Neal, Myrtle Whiteman, Gerard MacFarlane, 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 - The Ascension of the Lord                      Acts 1:1-11                      Eph 1:17-23                      Mt 28:16-20

9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	M Parrocho	Volunteer, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland, K Parrocho
7.30am	M Lutu	H De Costa, M Natoli
9.00am	E Mandividza	C Pereira, E Mandividza, K Auvale, C Noronha, volunteer, A Dam, M Gambin
10.45am	A D'Mello	T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, J Raudino, T Nyerenyere
6.00pm	T M Ancajas	J MacDonald, A Kumarasin
CHURCH COUNTERS		C & M D'Lima, L & P Joseph

**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*

16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	T Ramirez	M Parrocho, R Clarke, K Parrocho, Volunteer, R Trevisan
7.30am	T Heldt	M Lutu, D Lutu
9.00am	H Guerra	Yani Prasetyo, S Spaul, E Mandividza, C Gostimir, P & L Joseph, Y Prasetyo
10.45am	Youth Group	A Hughes, J Raudino, A Fosio, C Noronha, I Lemalu, L Sombilon, L Catacte
6.00pm	J MacDonald	C Joseph, volunteer
CHURCH COUNTERS		P & T Dam, J Bourke

**ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS: YOUTH CORNER STAY (St. Agatha's Youth), invites all young people ages 12-30 to attend our sessions throughout May! We cannot wait to get to know every young person in our parish! For any enquiries, please get in touch with the Parish Office!**





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**MAY DATES**

**Lectio Divina**  
Youth Mass, Sun 17th May, 10:45am  
**STAY Choir singing**  
**Invigorate (Ages 12 - 18), Sun 17th May 12pm-3pm**  
**Legion of Mary Session**  
**St. Agatha's Parish Hall**  
**Invictus Lasertag (Ages 18 - 30), Fri 22nd May 7:30pm**  
\$30 for 3 x 10 minute sessions  
**Le Mans, Dandenong**  
Limited to 22 participants, RSVP Megan ASAP

**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 6:30pm Parish Hall during school terms. 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

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

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**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>

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### FIRST READING

*Acts 8:5-8.14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

### SECOND READING

*Peter 3:15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

*John 14:15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour ... ..

