



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

The Ascension of the Lord
Year A
17th 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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Email: parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Website: 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:

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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

Thursday: 9.30am, 11.30am St Peter's Marian House
& 2.30pm Regis Aged Care

Friday: 9.30am, 11.00am Mercy Place,
12noon St Therese's School Hall, 12.30pm St
Agatha's School Mass & 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

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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month after 9.30am
Mass

Baptisms

Baptisms following the 10.45am Mass. By appointment.

Baptism Information Session held on 1st 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

Solemnity of the ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Dear parishioners, Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into His heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power. In the Gospel Mt 28:16-20, Jesus gives his mission to all the believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature". This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives". As we celebrate the Lord's Ascension, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives, beginning with our family and our parish.

Pentecost Sunday: Next Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost which is the last day of the Easter Season.

Catholic Education Week reminds us that education is more than knowledge; it is about forming hearts, strengthening faith, and building a community centred in Christ. We are especially grateful to welcome our school principals to speak at Mass this weekend, Felicity, Michelle and David. We thank them for joining us today and for sharing in this important celebration with our students, staff, families and parish community.

We also take this opportunity to thank Michelle Bruitzman Principal of St Agatha's, for her dedication, guidance, and support during your time at our school. Your leadership has made a lasting impact on students, staff, and families alike. Wishing you all the very best as you begin this exciting new chapter at the new school Carlo Acutis. You will be greatly missed.

Welcomers / Ushers Ministry Invitation

Our parish is beginning a new **Welcomers (Ushers) Ministry** for the weekend Masses. We warmly invite parishioners who would like to serve the community by welcoming people and helping create a friendly and prayerful atmosphere in our church. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please attend an information meeting on: **Thursday, 4th June at 7.00 pm at Parish Hall** New volunteers are most welcome. Come and be part of this beautiful ministry of hospitality and service in our parish community.

Youth Lectors – Weekend Mass Roster Invitation

All youth and teenagers who have been commissioned as Lectors are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office to include your names in the Weekend/ Weekday Mass Rosters according to your availability and convenience. In the past, this ministry for our young parishioners was mainly limited to the Youth Mass. We are now happy to open this opportunity to all Weekend Masses, allowing our youth to participate more actively in the liturgical life of the parish. We encourage our young people to use their gifts and talents in serving God and the parish community through this important ministry of proclaiming the Word of God. Please contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

Fr Antony

Dear Parishioners of St. Agatha, My heart is filled with gratitude for the beautiful and grand celebration of my 25th Jubilee. I cannot thank you enough for the love, kindness, and generosity you have shown me. Your prayers, presence, and efforts made this occasion truly special and unforgettable.

I sincerely thank our Priests, Fr. Antony Rebelo, and Fr. Ajil Albarnas, for organizing such a wonderful celebration and for their constant support and encouragement. Your thoughtfulness and dedication mean so much to me.

To all the parishioners of St. Agatha, thank you for all that you have done for me throughout these years of my religious journey. Your love, generosity and support have been a great blessing in my life and ministry.

I am deeply grateful and truly touched by your kindness. May God bless each one of you abundantly for your generosity and love.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers, Sr. Faustina Ede

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. This weekend counting male & female attending.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Charlie Crossley, child of Christopher & Stephanie, June Dy Torshen, child of Ralf & Luvelyn, Phoebe Guerra, child of Vaughn & Christina and Elara Va'Atuitui, child of Konelio & Shanice.

A BIG THANK YOU from all the mothers and grandmothers in the parish to all those involved in organising and making the beautiful gifts for Mother's Day and help to make our day special. May God bless you all.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Receipts have been emailed during the week, please collect your receipt from the foyer, if you did not receive an emailed copy. Thank you

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Parents are invited to attend this meeting for the first ½ hour for an information session.

A training session will be held on Wednesday 24th June from 6.00pm to 7.30pm for all existing Altar servers and all those interested in becoming an Altar Server.

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.

NEW LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER COMMISSIONING: Will be held today Sunday 17th May at 9.00am Mass.

JUNIOR RCIA: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Classes begin Saturday 6th 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 3rd June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: All parishioners are invited to spend an hour with the Holy Spirit, to be held twice monthly every 2nd and 3rd Thursday (except school holidays). **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'.

BYRYANI AND BUTTER CHICKEN SALE TO SUPPORT YOUTH: After Saturday 23rd May 6.00pm and Sunday 24th May 10.45am Mass To avoid disappointment, orders taken through the Parish Office. Or scan the QR code to preorder and pay. Please support this Youth fundraiser.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria. Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card to invite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

FRESH FIRE FALL: Hosted by CCR Sale Diocese in conjunction with Charis Australia. Mass, Praise, Worship & Talk. St Ita's Drouin, 30th May 2026 10.30am to 3.30pm. For information contact Lindsay 0432 375 391. Bring a plate to share.

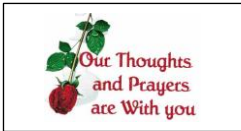
TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL – 2026 SPECIAL COLLECTION: Special collection taken up 23rd & 24th May. Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.

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

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: Thelma Pais, Eulalia Gabuya Cabigas, Trevor Mark Perera, Gilbert Canal


Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Mary Tortirce, Dagma Mantel, Leon De Pradines, David Wookey, Huan Andres, Judith Gazik, Allan Phillips, Juanito Domantay, Abraham Thomas, Benjamin Mumba, Leonard Johnson, Kuruvila Mathew, VM Simon, R Varghese Thengapurackal, Lucia Verghese, Kevin Bird, Maria Das, Antony Roberts, Thengapurakel family, Jean Marcel Dantier, Cheriyparambil family, Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Mg Jim O'Mara, Fr Robert Mead, Fr Martin Roche, Fr Patrick Moore

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 – Pentecost Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

16 th & 17 th 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	T Dam	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 VOICE FOR LIFE 

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
1st 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*

23 rd & 24 th May	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho
7.30am	H De Costa	C & R Beloso
9.00am	R Gimeno	A Dam, K Auvale, C Noronha, S Spaul, T Dam, Volunteer, M Gambin
10.45am	P Schreurs	T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, MG Sombilon, L Sombilon
6.00pm	L Piedad	E Clinch, J MacDonald
CHURCH COUNTERS		L Noronha, T Trevisan, Z Zavarko

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!





Follow us on Instagram! @stagathasyouthcranbourne
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 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am
INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 1st 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
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: 1st & 3rd 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 2nd & 3rd 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>

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 17TH MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

1Eph1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We Proclaim Your Death... ..