



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
6th September 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: Mrs Anita Hughes

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

St Agatha's Primary School

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

☎ 5996 2724

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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 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: **9.00am**

Friday: 9.30am & 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 9.00pm

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

Happy Father's Day

Dear parishioners, today we thank our fathers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating Father's Day and by offering our fathers on the altar of God. Father's Day comes to remind us that whatever we are we owe to our loving father and our patient mother. For it is through them that you receive the greatest gift: The Gift of Human Birth! We offer this Sunday Eucharistic celebration for all the fathers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. There will be Morning Tea after 10.45am mass specially offered to all our fathers.

Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, and give eternal rest to those fathers who have gone to receive their eternal reward through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 September

The Church joyfully celebrates the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on 8 September. On this special day, we honour and give thanks to God for the gift of Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus and our spiritual mother. To celebrate **Mother Mary's birthday**, there will be a **cake cutting after Mass**. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in this joyful celebration and to seek Mary's loving intercession for our parish and families. **Happy Birthday, Mother Mary! Pray for us!**

Please note Mass this Thursday will be celebrated at **9.00am**

Fr Antony Parish Priest

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Laki Sevealii, child of Danny & Maliacensustina and Ayla Barski, child of Alexander & Rebecca.

NEW ROSTERS for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers and Counters have been emailed this week.

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR APOLOGIES: The Holy Spirit hour will not be held in September. Future dates to be advised.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: Hosted by Voice for Life, today after 10.45am Mass.

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP: Plaques for Memorial Garden. If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, still birth, sids or other and wish to order a plaque for the wall in the memorial garden. Please contact the parish office before the 30th September 2026 so the plaques will be ready for the **Mass of the Angels on Friday 20th November**.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA: Are you worried about the cost of housing, people struggling to find a safe and secure home, and people who are experience homelessness in your area? You can play a part in our community campaign to express your concern and ask the Government to commit to building more social housing.

If you would like to support this cause, please sign one of the postcards and place it in the collection box. The cards will be delivered to local Victorian Member of Parliament.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: Special Collection this weekend is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese.

By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.

NEPAL FLOODS: Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

SINGERS AND MUSCIANS NEEDED TO BEGIN CHOIR FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Do you have the gift of singing or playing any musical instrument? You are invited to join the newly formed St Agatha's Parish Choir which will have her practice on Saturday 12th September at 11.30am in the Church. Do not hide your gifts but put them to use for the praise of the Lord, who has blessed you with those gifts. The letter of St Paul to Ephesians 5:19. Says: sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. **"He who sings," said St. Augustine, "prays twice".** If you play a musical instrument, please contact Rudolf on 0411 033 343 or singers contact Sr Victoria or parish office on 5996 1985.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL: Faith in Action, change start with you. St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High Street, Berwick. Ages 13 to 30. Saturday 21st November. Scan QR on the poster to register.

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.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR CENT NIGHT! Cent Night is a wonderful evening of family, community, fun and fundraising, and we are already preparing for our next Cent Night in October! We are asking our generous parish community if anyone has NEW items they would be willing to donate, preferably boxed or unused, to be used as prizes on the night. Cent Night is not only a great opportunity for our parish family to come together and enjoy a fun evening, but it is also an important fundraiser for our church.

This year, we are raising funds towards some very important projects — our church renovation and carpark. These are significant projects for our parish, and every contribution helps us move closer to achieving them. If you have any new items that you would be happy to donate, big or small, please leave them at the Parish Office. Your generosity and support will make a real difference and help us continue to care for and improve our parish facilities for our whole community. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and continued support. Together, we can make a difference! **CENT NIGHT** Saturday 24th October at St Agatha's School Hall. More information to follow

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.

SEASON OF CREATION: Care for Our Common Home

Join us online to better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth—our common home—in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility. Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans (Parish Priest at St Patrick's, Pakenham) Wednesday, 16th September 2026. 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Venue: Online. Registration: tinyurl.com/4tx834yp



JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Diocesan Pilgrimage: Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. This pilgrimage is a sacred journey – not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only Church in the diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. **Schedule of Events Friday, October 2nd 6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale).** A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word transitus is Latin for "passing over" or "transition." It commemorates St Francis' passage from earthly life into eternal life with God. **Saturday, October 3rd 8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale) 12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)** Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese. **Blessing of Pets (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)** - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass! **Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (Benambra Footyclub)** - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share. **3:00 PM – Conclusion (Immaculate Conception, Omeo).** Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure. Location Information St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale. St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra. Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo. **The parish has contacted a bus company for a return trip on the 3rd October leaving the Church at 5.45am for \$90pp.** Please contact the parish ASAP with expression of interest to book the bus. www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC SINGLES AND YOUNG ADULTS AGED 21-40! You are invited to join us for the Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) Singles Conference **RADICATI IN CHRISTO (Rooted in Christ)**. To be rooted is to grow deep, anchored in Christ so firmly that we remain unshaken through every storm, every dry season, every distraction. Because when we're rooted in Him, we grow whole and bear fruit that lasts. | **What to expect:** Engaging talks and testimonies, praise and worship, Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration, and of course - fellowship and food! | **When:** 26-27 September 2026 | **Where:** Don Bosco Retreat Centre | **Register now at** <https://bit.ly/SC2026registration> or scan the QR code on the poster!

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MINISTRY(SRM) invites you to book a reading time and be part of the 90 Hours, Non-Stop, Full Bible Reading, starting on Thursday 24th September, from 10.00am at OLHC Parish Narre Warren. Contact: Frenco on 0413519863 or see the flyer in the foyer for more details. **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Engaging Your Faith online Presentations in October 2026. From \$25 per session. For more information: www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

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 Officer is Anita Hughes [Wednesday] contact the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email Cransbourne.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: Carmel Falzon [Charlie], Piere Fritz Townsend,

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fred Doggette, Margie Guisse, Matthew McEvoy, Kenneth Paris, Joseph Crasto, Clive Lloyd, Lionel Jayakody, Gino Raffa, Francesco Bruno, Vincenzo Papa, Davie Wookey, Piuti Lesoa, Benjamin Poudret, Serge Philippe Rose, Nathalie Eugenie, Linda Adelaide, Ouida Rodrigues, Joseph Desmier, John Rodrigues, Merlin Thomas, David Willatgamuwa, Mr Andrade, Riel Cayunda, Frank & Mignoune Yates, Trevor & Gladys Thomas, Letecia Estoy Monte, gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Odilia Schreurs, Clara Gresle

Those who are sick: Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane, Kellie Monson, Lyndell Adikari, Cathy Lucas, Randy Jansz, Judith Potori, Fr Peter Slater, Selwyn Ta'a, Dominic Mammone

*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 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

5 th & 6 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	M Lim	L Lim, M Parrocho, R Clarke, K Parrocho, B D'Souza	
7.30am	M Vechooretu	D Dsouza, C Beloso	P & L Joseph B Duyvestyn
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	V Prasetyo, C Gostimir, C Pereira, K Auvale, M Gambin, Y Prasetyo, M Krotwaar	
10.45am	V Samson	M D'Costa, L Cotacte, MG Sombilon, L Sombilon, J Raudino, A Fosio, R Papiernik	R Lupeamanu
6.00pm	TM Ancajas	E Clinch, J MacDonald	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		S Sewarimuthu, P Magsanoc, C Gostimir	

12 th & 13 th September	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	R Sutherland	M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim, M Parrocho	
7.30am	R Beloso	P Joseph, L Joseph	
9.00am	C Gostimir	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Periera	C Gostimir
10.45am	R Gimeno	D Dsouza, T Nyerenyere, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, R Samson, L Cotacte	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	A Kumarasin	J La'Brooy, C Joseph	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, R Estrada, T Heldt, J La Brooy, V Moore, A Soman	

**ST. AGATHA'S VOICE
FOR LIFE**
MASS FOR THE UNBORN
– 9.30am Mass
1st Friday of the Month

“ Abortion is the
greatest destroyer
of peace, the
greatest destroyer
of love”
St Mother Teresa

**ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:
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INVIGORATE [Age 12-17] Meet
every 1st and 3rd Sunday of
the month 12noon to 3.00pm
after 10.45am mass.
INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th
Friday of the month 7pm
Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony -
0492908539
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PARISH 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: Rosalie 0435 949 006 or Lorie 0400 346 029

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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

INVICTUS [Age 18+]: Meet 4th Friday of the month at 7.00pm. Enq: 5996 1985 or Anthony 0492 908 539

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 1800 123 338 or 1800 522 076 for appointments.

GODSTART: Post-Baptism follow-up Program. For further information contact the Parish Office: 5996 1985

LEGION OF MARY: Enquiries: Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

HOLY SPIRIT HOUR: Meeting 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm Enquiries: Charles & Beth Fivaz

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

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>

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 6th September 2026

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..

