



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
30th August 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

Thursday: 9.30am Celebration of the Word with Communion

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

WELCOME BISHOP GREG BENNET

Dear parishioners, On behalf of St. Agatha's parish, we extend a warm and friendly welcome to Bishop Greg, who will be with us for the confirmation ceremony on this Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to the candidates who will be receiving their sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. We pray that they will always be guided with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the teachers and staff of St. Agatha's and St Theresa's schools, Sr. Faustina (Sacramental Coordinator), Sr Victoria (Parish RE coordinator) and the parishioners for your commitment, prayers and support.

THANK YOU We extend our heartfelt thanks to Giovanni Rughoo and family who has kindly donated two beautiful Holy Water fonts for our church. We are truly grateful for their generosity. May God bless them abundantly.

Please note that there will be NO Mass on Thursday, 3rd September. Instead, there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, as both priests will be attending the Clergy Conference in Warragul. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Antony, Parish Priest

WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD: Rhys Cinense, child of John & Pauline.

FUNERAL PRAYER SERVICE will be celebrated for Luigi Forte this Tuesday 1st September at 12noon with viewing at 11.30am.

NO MASS this Thursday 3rd September. 9.30am Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

NEW ROSTERS for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers and Counters will be emailed this week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY AT ALL MASSES: 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. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for a clinical nurse and case manager (2 days per week equivalent). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation>. The foundation is most appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in sickness and retirement. 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.

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!

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 13th November.

CUPPA FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER cuppa after 10.45am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate to share.

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.

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.

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.

POSITION VACANT: World Youth Day Project Officer – DOSCEL Office.

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/> Applications close Monday 31 August 2026 at 2.00 pm. DOSCEL is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all children and young people. Successful applicants will be subject to child safety screening processes, including Working with Children and police checks. Go to our parish website for more information.

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. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 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. All are warmly welcome to be part of this unforgettable diocesan pilgrimage. **CARPOOLING** may be a way to share the transport. For more info www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisii

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au

LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT: Single Catholic lady looking for a room to rent. Please contact the Parish Office 5996 1985.

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: Franco on 0413519863 or see the flyer in the foyer for more details.

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 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: Luigi Forte

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Dominic Guerra, Marie Jubb, Margie Guisse, Nina Sammut, CG & Tresa Anthony, Ramona Goonathne, Gilbert & Ethel Joachim, Donna Martins, Theresia Varkey, Sebastian Martins, Joseph & Romualdina Couthinho, Marie Paule Malin, James & Esther Lim, Edmund Boon Chong The, Alan Paul Choong, Fr John Kavanagh

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 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

29 th & 30 th August	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	L Lim	K Parrocho, B D'Souza, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan	
7.30am	T Heldt	C Gositmir, volunteer	
9.00am	P Joseph	T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, P & L Joseph	D Krotwaar
10.45am	J Gunn	D Dsouza, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero, T Lupeamanu, R Samson	T Lupeamanu
6.00pm	L Piedad	J La'Brooy, C Joseph	A Karunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Antony, C & E Moore	

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
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	V Prasetyo, C Gostimir, C Pereira, K Auvale, M Gambin, Y Prasetyo, M Krotwaar	B Duyvestyn
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 Kurunda
CHURCH COUNTERS		S Sewarimuthu, P Magsanoc, C Gostimir	

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: YOUTH GROUPS

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>

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 30th August 2026

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said, 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death... ..

