



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
4th October 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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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 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 & 11.30am St Peter's Assisi House

Friday: 9.30am, 12.30pm St Agatha's whole school
& 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

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

Dear parishioners, This Sunday we welcome Fr Bruce Duncan this weekend at 10:45am & 6.00pm Mass.

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope saint Pius Vth in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on 7th October 1571 which stopped the Turkish invasion of Europe. According to a legend, in 1214, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to saint Dominic Guzman and instructed him to pray the rosary as an effective antidote against heresies. In 1917, when our Blessed Mother, in her apparition to the three shepherd children, asked them to "say the Rosary everyday". She told them again, "pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners, I am Our Lady of the rosary".

MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF ROSARY: - Pray a Rosary daily for everyone who owes you an apology, forgive them even if they are not sorry.
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US

We sincerely thank Cruz Ignatius for presenting an informative and thought-provoking session on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the light of the teachings of Pope Leo XIV and his Encyclical Magnificat Humanitas. It was a valuable opportunity for our parish community to reflect on the responsible and ethical use of this rapidly developing technology. Our sincere thanks also go to the Parish Youth for organising this program and for their initiative and commitment in bringing this important topic to our community. We greatly appreciate the parents who encouraged their children, young people and adults to attend the session. Your support and encouragement play an important role in helping our parish community learn, engage and grow together. We warmly thank Bishop Antony Valunkal, Auxiliary Bishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Verapoly, Kerala, for his visit to St Agatha's Parish last Saturday, 26th September, and for celebrating the 9:30am Mass and the 6:00pm Vigil Mass with our parish community. We are grateful for his presence, prayer and encouragement.

Fr Antony, Parish Priest

The Sunday Faith Corner by parish priest

The spiritual importance of the sacristy - What it is, and why it must be respected.

1. WHAT IS THE SACRISTY? The Sacristy is not just a storage room; it is a sacred preparation space where priests and ministers get ready before entering the altar. It is where vestments are kept, sacred vessels are arranged, and everything needed for the Mass is carefully prepared. In many ways, the Sacristy is like a "backstage of heaven's liturgy", but with reverence, not casualness. Because what happens there prepares what will happen on the altar.

2. WHY THE SACRISTY IS SPIRITUALLY IMPORTANT The Sacristy is a place of silence, focus, and interior preparation. Before stepping into the sanctuary, the priest recollects himself. He prepares not just physically, but spiritually, for the sacred duty ahead. It reminds us that the Mass is not something we rush into, it is something we prepare our souls for.

3. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SACRISTY Everything used at the altar passes through the Sacristy. Vestments are worn with intention. Chalices and sacred vessels are arranged with care. Liturgical books are prepared in order. There are also traditional prayers said by priests before Mass, quiet moments where they entrust themselves to God. Nothing there is random, everything is ordered toward worship.

4. WHY THE SACRISTY MUST BE RESPECTED This is where a serious problem exists today. Some people treat the Sacristy like: * A meeting point * A discussion area * A casual passageway, But the Church expects something very different. The Sacristy should be treated with: * Silence * Respect * Reverence. Because it is connected directly to the sacred action of the Mass. Today, reflect: "Do I approach the things of God with preparation or with haste?" "The way you prepare for God, reveals how much you value Him." **Note:** Parishioners are kindly requested to wait in the foyer after Mass if they wish to have religious items blessed or to speak with one of the priests. Please note that Mass intentions must be booked through the Parish Office. Exceptions may be made for urgent or emergency situations, such as a recent death or hospitalisation. Kindly do not approach the sacristy to arrange Mass intentions unless it is an urgent matter. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Amara Ah See, child of Isaac & Sebadet, Giovanni Tuiloma, child of Tyron & Genevieve, Elias Ah See, child of Jordan & Mina.

CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING: Parishioners are invited to bring their pets for a blessing today Sunday 4th Oct at 2.00pm.

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON: Exploring the Parts of The Mass. Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Join us to explore *what* we do and *why* we do it—from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing—so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence. At OLHC Narre Warren

(Our Lady Help of Christians): Saturday, 10th Oct 2026, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Register online: cdsale.org.au/events or Phone 03 5614 5163

BORN ALIVE LEFT TO DIE: Private screening on Wednesday 7th October at 7 - 8.30pm at Winepress Church in Berwick. Born Alive Left to Die exposes the devastating reality of late-term abortion in Australia and the lives affected by practices few are willing to confront. This documentary reveals what happens when babies survive abortion procedures, the trauma faced by medical staff and families, and the legal and political frameworks that allow these outcomes to continue in silence. Through firsthand testimony and expert insight, this episode uncovers a truth many Australians have never been told: that children born alive after failed abortions can be denied care and left to die. Registration via QR code on poster.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026: Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria. Saturday 10th October 2026. Meet at 1pm Treasury Gardens (Corner Spring St & Wellington Pde) Please wear pink or blue, for information see the flyer on the Church notice board.

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.

RE CLASSES: Resume Wednesday 7th October at 4.00pm.

RCIC CLASSES: Resume Saturday 10th October at 4.00pm.

RCIA CLASSES: Resume Wednesday 7th October at 7.00pm

THE LEGION OF MARY'S ROSARY CRUSADE is a global spiritual initiative encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary daily for peace, conversion, and the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. All St. Agatha's parishioners are welcome to participate in the Rosary Crusade, where parishioners host Our Lady's statue for a week. They pray the Crusade prayers daily, offering intercession for peace and conversion and personal intentions. Beginning Saturday 3rd October after 9.30am Mass. After the week, the statue is returned before the 9:30am Saturday Mass, continuing the cycle of devotion. Prayer booklet will be available to take home with Our Lady's statue.

LEGION OF MARY: A video to learn more about the Legion of Mary will be played at all Masses this weekend of 3rd & 4th October.

CENT NIGHT is a wonderful evening of family, community, fun and fundraising, and your generosity will help us raise much-needed funds towards our church renovation and carpark projects. We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun-filled CENT NIGHT on Saturday 24th October at St Agatha's School Hall.

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.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY: From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying "When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



MISSION SUNDAY 18 October : In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival. Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic go to www.catholicmission.org.au/united



Spiritual Renewal Ministry (SRM) invites you for free one day retreat "SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE MARRIAGE" where we will be taught practical biblical ways to protect your Spouse and Marriage. With Evangelist Couple coming from India. Join us on Saturday 10th of October 2026, from 10am to 3pm with lunch provided at ST AGATHA'S Parish Hall, Cranbourne. Contact Franco on 0413519863 or see the flyer in the foyer for more details.
SHINE THE LIGHT: Throughout October, our parish joins with Shine a Light to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence.

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: Alicia Culpin, Rosa Franz

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Fr William O'Brien, Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr Kenny Mendes, Antoinette & Joseph Angelo, David Wookey, Edward Anton, Mary Angelina, Piuti Lesoa, Nazzareno Franz, Usha James, James Thomas, Agueda Rubia, Natarsha Perera 1st Rip, Beryl Francis, Joseph Desmier, Brian Martin, Gerry & Beryl Henderson, Frank Yates, Trevor & Gladys Thomas.

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, Anthony & Valerie Reynolds

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 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

3 rd & 4 th October	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	L Lim, volunteer, R Clarke, volunteer, B D'Souza	L Joseph B Duyvestyn
Sun 7.30am	M Natoli	H de Costa, M Lutu	
9.00am	A Ulu	C Pereira, A Ulu, M Gambin, V Prasetyo, S Spaul, M Krotwaar, C Gositmir	
10.45am	M D'Costa	M D'Costa, L Caballero, R Samson, L Cotacte, M G Sombilon, J Raudino, L Sombilon	
6.00pm	R Gimeno	J La'Brooy, B D'Souza	
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, J La'Brooy	

10 th & 11 th Oct	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Welcomer
Sat 6.00pm	S Crinall	R Sutherland, M Thomas, C D'Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim	P Joseph C Gostimir
Sun 7.30am	C Beloso	D Lutu, M Natoli	
9.00am	C Noronha	T, M & A Dam, S Spaul, E Mandividza, Y Prasetyo, C Pereira	
10.45am	N Atulia	T Lupeamanu, A Fosio, Mel Thomas, R Pepiarnik, volunteer, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas	
6.00pm	L Piedad	C Joseph E Clinch	
CHURCH COUNTERS		B Joseph, R D'Mello, G & M Philip	

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: Anthony 0492 908 539 or Parish Office 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 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

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

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 PARISH HALL FOR HIRE: Our Parish Hall is available for hire to parishioners for family functions, celebrations, meetings and gatherings.  Parish events and activities have first preference for hall bookings. Enquiries Parish Office on 5996 1985

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS:

Upcoming Meetings!

Fri 09/10, 8:00pm - STAY Adoration

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 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.

 <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>

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>

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4th October 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will

guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour... ..