ST. AGATHA’S PARISH INFORMATION
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Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985
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Parish Secretaries: Sue Ryan & Tina Dam ☎ 5996 1985

St Agatha’s Primary School
3 Scott Street, Cranbourne ☎ 5996 2724
Principal: Mr Terry Cahill

St Therese’s Primary School
131 Endeavour Drive
Cranbourne North ☎ 5996 7525
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

St Peter’s Secondary College
Cranbourne Campus - Navarre Drive Cranbourne West
Clyde North Campus – 55 MacKillop Way Clyde Nth ☎ 5990 7777
Principal: Mr Chris Black
Dear Parishioners, We warmly welcome our parish School leaders, staff and families who will join us today at the 10.45am Mass for their School Leaders Mass.

Bishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating the Vigil Mass next Saturday at 6.00pm to confer to the ministry of Lector, seminarian, Mark Hughes. Please keep Mark in your prayers.

St. Agatha's School will soon begin works on their new Admin building. This will impact on our upper carpark as the builders will be fencing part of this carpark off for their builder’s site from Monday 25th March. The disabled parks will still be available for parishioners. This will also impact the Vinnies Collection bin which will be removed until the works are completed around October. You will need to drop donations off at the Vinnies Shop at 218 High Street. Updates will be published in the bulletin.I would like to encourage every parishioner to attend the Stations of the Cross at least once on a Friday evening during Lent.

A reminder to all Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist about punctuality, if you are rostered to serve please arrive at Mass at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. Thank you.

God bless you all, Fr Joseph


FUNERAL MASS for Honerine Mary Beale will be celebrated this Wednesday 20th March at 11.30am.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS focuses on a special intention of the week, praying for different needs within our families, parish and the wider community. 21st For the sick especially cancer patients & 28th For those who celebrated their birthday in March.

LECTORS & MUSIC MINISTRY: The Gospel Readings for the 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent will be taken from Year A at the 9.00am Mass only.

RCIA PRAYER CARDS: Parishioners are invited to choose a prayer card from the table in the foyer to pray for one of our RCIA Catechumens or Candidates.

PALMS: Do you have suitable trees at home and are you able to assist in supplying the parish with palms for Palm Sunday? The palms will be blessed for parishioners to take home. Please contact the Parish Office on 5096 1985 before the 31st March 2019.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm in the Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Ceremony dates Tuesday 26th March 5.00pm & 7.00pm, Wednesday 27th March 5.00pm & 7.00pm and Thursday 28th March at 5.00pm.

LENTEN HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT: Brother Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher, will be returning to St Agatha’s as part of his Australian Lenten and Deliverance Retreats on Monday 1st April from 7.00pm-9.30pm in the Church. He will present a lesson on the Power in the Word of God and minister his Gift of Healing to those who come forward for healing. Flyers will be available after Mass or for further enquiries Email jclilmelbourne@gmail.com or visit www.jclilm.info

PARISH RECONCILIATION for Easter will be celebrated on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm in the Church, please save the date in your diaries.

TENEBRAE: Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. Please note there will be no Reconciliation on this evening. Tenebrae is a ceremony held during the three days preceding Easter. Tenebrae is Latin for shadows the purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, this is recreated with readings, prayers, sombre tones sounded, with the gradual extinguishing of candles, taking place in total darkness near the end of the service. It is left unfinished, because the story isn’t over until Easter Day.

NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: A training session will be held on Thursday 28th March at 8.00pm after 7.30pm Mass. You will be commissioned at Mass on Holy Thursday evening. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person.

ST AGATHA’S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019: Limited spaces still available. Chaplain, Fr Joseph Abutu 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29th April - 13th May 2019. For the detailed itinerary please contact Rebecca Daly on 0421 521 550

HOURS OF GRACE: Save the date, Hours of Grace, 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins 6th April to 13th April. Clipboards will soon be available in the foyer to book a timeslot to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS THE FIRST RECONCILIATION IN LENT FOR THE PARENTS PREPARING THEIR CHILDREN FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Titled CONFESSION: run time 21 mins

DAYS FOR LIFE: Voice for Life Group will be praying at the exclusion zone in East Melbourne. A peaceful prayer vigil, praying for an end to abortion. Please make an effort to join us to pray for the babies. Our group will leave straight after morning Mass each Tuesday beginning on the 12th March.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Is available in our parish at Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161

YMCA (YOUNG MEN OF GOD) MISSIONS’ TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES: Is a mission that immerses young men in the Filipino culture and assists the locals to build houses for the poorest of the poor. Ideally for young men aged 17-35 to join us on the next trip which will be from 29th June 29 – 14th July. They would be provided with Mass every day, a spiritual director, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. If you would like to know more John Duiker will be speaking on Sunday 24th March at 6.00pm Mass.

PLENARY COUNCIL RESPONSES from around 400 participants at the 5 regional Listening and Dialogue sessions with the Bishop, held around the Diocese late last year, are now available on our website http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/downloads/parishes/579-diocese-of-sale-raw-responses-from-regional-listening-dialogue-sessions-with-the-bishop.html or go to http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/?p=348-towards-2020.html page down to Listening and Dialogue Sessions and click on the link.

CAR RAFFLE: Please return books ASAP to the Parish office or with your payment after Mass on the weekend. Drawn on 4th May 2019.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS will hold a fundraising dinner on 28th March to support the bursary fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians. The dinner will be at the Black-Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St, Warragul. 6.30 for 7pm start. The two-course dinner will cost $60 and wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at bar prices. The event is open to men and women who want to support this venture. There will be a silent auction as an additional fundraiser. Tickets are available at https://www.trybooking.com/470438.

ST AGATHA’S SCHOOL: The second stage of demolition at St Agatha’s School will commence on 5th April 2019. For safety reasons the school driveway to Scott Street will be closed. During asbestos removal we are asked not to park in the parish office carpark or use the footpath. If you need to visit the parish office please park on the gravel carpark at the rear of Providence House.

PARISH TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS - LEARN HOW TO RUN ALPHA IN YOUR PARISH: Alpha is a tool used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world, to introduce participants to the basics of the Christian faith and to evangelise and deepen faith.

There will be Alpha Training offered for parishioners who would like to run the program or those interested in further information, at St. Michael’s Parish Traralgon on the evenings of March 27th and 28th at 7.30pm. Wednesday March 27th is more introductory in nature, Thursday March 28th is at further depth. Alpha Teams would ideally complete both elements of Alpha Training. Information and Bookings Phone St Michael’s Parish Office on 51742060 or email to sec@smpt.org.au by March 25th, RSVP essential.


YOUth CORNER: The Theme for this year 2019 is ‘Faith Formation’. I encourage all parents to support their children to participate actively in the Youth Group. God bless you all Sr. Mary.

Youth Mass this Sunday 17th March at 10.45am followed by a Youth leader meeting after the Mass in Providence House.

Youth are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church. On Friday 22nd March we meet at 6.50pm to practice in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other’s in the Parish please give me a call. Contact Tavonga on 0488 683 256.
**Recently Deceased**  
Honerine Mary Beale  Saturday 6.00pm-- Aileen & Tony DeCouto & Margaret D’Rosario [Remb]
Clarissa Remedios  Sunday 7.30am-- Ben Manuel [Anniv] & Ramon Lafortezza [Anniv]
" 9.00am-- Clotilde Martins [Anniv] & Clarissa Remedios [Rec Dec]
" 10.45am-- For the People of the Parish
" 6.00pm-- For the Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversaries:**
Monica Muir  
Judy Barlow  
Giacomino Curcio  Monday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory  St Patrick
Ben Manuel  Tuesday 9.30am-- Giacomino Curcio [Anniv]  St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ramon Lafortezza  Wednesday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
Clotilde Martins  Thursday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
Fr Walter O’Connor  " 7.30pm-- Mary Chacko [B’day Remb]
Fr Andrew Ryan  Friday 9.30am-- For the Souls in Purgatory
Mgr Joe Daly  Saturday 9.30am-- For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

[Please contact the parish office to arrange a Mass you would like offered for your intentions]

**Sick List:**  
Gerald Haynes, Giovanna Santomaggio, Leo Domantay, Roger Paul, Sr Diane Cleveland, Felix Weinman, Rosy Preca  
Pearl Roussiyian, Fallon Weinman, Josie Blows, Janet Elliott, Rosaria Preca, Arlette Lalouette, Giovanna Belliniva, Stanley Jacobs, Alicia Orpia, Zinnia Noah Goddard

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.

**Rosters for Ministries**

16-17 March 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: R Trevisan  K Jolley, R Trevisan, P Hunt, M Cincto, A Hughes, C D’lima, A Quintal
7.30am: P Condina  S Jean Louis, R Crozier, D Krella
9.00am: P Joseph  J Seeborun, S Joseph, L AhSio, L Lim, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho
10.45am: Youth  E Mandzivdzicu, C Besterwicht, R Weinman, L Caballerio, M Avuale, R Alejandro, R D’Mello, P Schreurs, G & L Clark
6.00pm: V Prasetyo  L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, L Tuffnell, A Anthony, T Hummel, B Evans
Church Cleaners for the week 18th to 23rd March:  
Judy Barlow

16-17 March 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: Children’s Choir  
S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal, R Weinman, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincto
7.30am: B Vechoorrettu  
M Soni, L & S Jean Louis
9.00am: L Samuelu  
T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, Y Shedden, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuweesteeg
10.45am: R D’Mello  
L & G Clark, Sr Faustina, L & C Tyminski, C Frenkel, L Fosio, M Gambin
6.00pm: M Lutu  
Hummel, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu
Church Cleaners for the week 25th to 30th March: Afaese Family

Counters:  
C: L Clark, T Raffa, R D’Mello  
R: Children’s Liturgy: Tania & Priya

23-24 March 2019: Lectors:

6.00pm: Children’s Choir  
S Joseph, T Heldt, A Quintal, R Weinman, K Jolley, P Hunt, M Cincto
7.30am: B Vechoorrettu  
M Soni, L & S Jean Louis
9.00am: L Samuelu  
T Dam, M Dam, A Dam, Y Shedden, T Marinelli, R Daly, M Nieuweesteeg
10.45am: R D’Mello  
L & G Clark, Sr Faustina, L & C Tyminski, C Frenkel, L Fosio, M Gambin
6.00pm: M Lutu  
Hummel, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu
Church Cleaners for the week 25th to 30th March: Afaese Family

Counters:  
C: L Clark, L Cresswell, J McLean  
R: Children’s Liturgy: Anna & Jessie

**Readings for Next Sunday:**  
Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-11; Lk 13:1-9

**Groups & Meetings**

- **RCIA:** For Adults interested in becoming Catholic  Enquiries: Tina 5996 1985.
- **RCIC:** For children aged 4 years and above preparing for Baptism.  Sr Mary 5996 1985.
- **Catechetics [R.E.]:** Classes: Each Wed at 4pm in the Church during School Terms.  Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985
- **Italian Rosary Group:** Every fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.
- **African Catholic Community:** 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall.  Enq: Sisters
- **PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY:** Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month in the Hall; Rosary 7.00pm; Meeting 7.15pm.
- **SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Mon 10.30am in the Hall; Peter 5998 1554 and Wed 7.30pm in the Hall.  Enq: John 0448 343 074
- **PARISH HELP LINE:** Phone: 135 Sladen Street, 1 hr by appointment only.  Enq: 9077 800 161
- **INVIGORATE [Age 12-17] YOUTH GROUP:** Meet 2nd Saturday at 9.30am & 4th Friday at 7.30pm in the Hall.  Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985
- **AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Meet 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.15pm – 9.00pm.  Enquiries Sr. Mary 5996 1985
- **VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP:** Enquiries: Maria Nieuwesteeg 0409 563 864 or email voiceforlife@hotmail.com
- **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; Rosary 7.00pm; Meeting 7.15pm.
- **Catholic Care Gippsland:** For Family & Relationship Counselling phone 5941 4100 for appointments.
- **Godstart:** Post-Baptism follow-up program.  For further information contact 5996 1985
- **Natural Family Planning:** For appointments please contact the Sale Diocese Billings Teacher Patsy Heffernan on 5622 1188
- **Playgroup:** Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha’s Hall. Contact 5996 1985
- **Family Rosary Group:** 3rd Friday of the Month.  Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

**PARISH APP:** The parish has an APP that is available from the ‘APP STORE’ and the ‘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.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite your join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table.
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, 17TH MARCH 2019

FIRST READING

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcases but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? R.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the savour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread… … …

Second Sunday of Lent
The Transfiguration