

***St Agatha's Parish***

***Cranbourne***

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# MASS TIMES

###### Saturday: 6.00pm

###### Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am**

**Monday to Saturday: 9.30am**

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# Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Monday: NO MASS**

**Tuesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Wednesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Saturday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**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:** 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

**Healing Mass** First Thursday of the Month 7.15pm begins with Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

**First Saturday Mass at 9.30am**

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass** 7.00pm followed by a spiritual teaching and 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**

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session held on 1st Sunday of every month, starting 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.

#### 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]*

**( 5996 1985** Fax**:** **5996 1992**

**Email:** [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**Website:** [www.stagathas.org.au](http://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 Prabhu Antony

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Faustina Ede &

Sr. Victoria Orinya

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** John Kelly **** 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** MrsTina Dam

**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs Nona Tusitala

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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

**Principal:** Mr Chris Black



**First Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**9th March 2025**

**PARISH NEWS**

**Dear Parishioners,**Please pray for the children making their First Reconciliation this week.**Please note no Mass on Monday 10th March at St. Agatha’s parish**.

Fr. Antony Rebelo

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed this Monday 10th March for the Labor Day public holiday. **Re-open Tuesday 11th at 1.00pm.**

**PRAYER CARDS:** Please take a prayer card for a First Reconciliation Candidate from the basket in the foyer.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

**HOURS OF GRACE:** Save the date, St Agatha’s parish 5th to 12th April.

**RCIA:** Rite of Sending will take place at 9.00am Mass next Sunday. Please continue to pray for our Catechumens as they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale.

**RCIA:** Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates. An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the **Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on: Sunday 16th March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral,** Sale. 2.00 pm Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct) 3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral 4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share. As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale on **Sunday 16th March 2025**, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 1.30-2.30 pm    Choir rehearsal, 3.00-4.00 pm    Rite of Election. To register your interest, please contact Sophy Morley on [Sophymorley@gmail.com](mailto:Sophymorley@gmail.com) or mobile No: 0413 590 007.

**JUBILEE 2025 – PEOPLE OF HOPE:** Within our Diocese the diocese of Sale will celebrate Jubilee of Volunteers. At Lakes Entrance Saturday 29th March at 5.00pm.

**JUBILEUM 2025:** Plenary Indulgence Let us pray together for the prayer intentions of the Holy Father. For more information scan the QR code on poster.

**JUBLIEE OF HOPE: Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year?** As part of St Agatha’s celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite parishioners celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary to contact the parish office with their details before the end of April. A special Mass will be celebrated in May for these special milestones.

**MORNING RETREAT WITH MARY:** At St Agatha’s Monday 24th March with 9.30am Mass. Led by Fr Peter Ferwerda, MMP Cenacle Rosary and Reflection, Eucharistic Adoration followed by a cuppa. For more information contact: Carol Kelly on 0418 360 389, Grace Mizzi on 0420 344 189 or the parish office on 5996 1985.

**DIVINE KIDS** Sunday Bible Class 10.00am in the parish hall.

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AI-generated content may be incorrect. **PROJECT COMPASSION:** This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR Code. Thank you

**PALMS:** Do you have suitable Palm tree branches home and are you able to assist in supplying the parish with palms branches for decorating the Church for Palm Sunday? Please contact Sr Victoria at the Parish Office on 5996 1985  **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.

**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 John Kelly contact the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985 or email [Cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto: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.

**YOUTH CORNER: GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS PRACTICE** - Fri 14th March 7:30-9.00pm. Every Friday after the Stations of the Cross. Please come along if you wish to have a role in the Good Friday stations play! We don’t just need actors but also readers and singers!

**Invigorate Youth 12+:** Good Friday Service Practice - Sun 16th March 12pm - 2:30pm, Parish Hall. Come along to help lead the 3pm Service on Good Friday. We need lectors, collectors, ushers and more!  Lunch provided!

**Invictus Youth 18+:** Sun 6th April 12pm - 2:30pm, Parish Hall. A time for young adults to meet together and share their faith with likeminded people. Lunch provided!

**Adoration** - April 11th, 8pm - 9pm, Church. (Our scheduled March adoration has been cancelled due to Lenten Stations of the Cross)

**LIVE LENT WITH LOVE WITH FR ELIO CAPRA:** Starting Ash Wednesday night at St Anne’s Church, 84 Austin Road, Seaford. Fr Elio will celebrate the 6:00 Mass followed by a talk. Lenten reflection by Fr Elio Capra from Wednesday 12th March - 16th April at 7:00pm

**GOD’S PLAN FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE:** A retreat to ignite God’s vision in your marriage. March 22nd 10.00am -3.00pm (Lunch Provided) March 23rd (12.30pm-9.00pm) dinner provided. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre. Narre Warren Call Kaushi on 0434 260 464 or email [olhcsg.narrewarren@outlook.com](mailto:olhcsg.narrewarren@outlook.com)

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Fr. Sebastian A.M. would like to invite you to the following Jubilee Pilgrimages departing from Melbourne. 1.Streams of Mercy (20th May - 4th June'25) 2. Marian Shrines (4th - 18th June'25), The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**SAFEGUARDING:** All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy. Please check the current status of your WWC, if your card has expired you cannot participate in any voluntary capacity. Until your card has been renewed. If you require any clarification, please contact John Kelly on 5996 1985. The parish secretaries are more than happy to assist you to renew your card or help you access the online training at the parish office.

**SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:** As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are in place for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.



**The Recently Deceased:** Hermis Caballero

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Alphous Lazar, Lionel Jayakody, Desmond Sebastian Kumar, Darryl Dunkley, Carmelo & Concetta Sottile, Francisco Sombilon, Frank Mignoune Yates, Trevor Gladys Thomas, Joseph Crasto, Filomena Kenneth, Everat Paris, Sr Julie Ogbole, Paul Stephens, Thressie George, Roy O’Callaghan, Mgr Daniel (Dan) McCarten

**Those who are sick:** Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Helen Rosevear, Margaret Beadle, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona & Hazlett Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs, Veronica Iudice, Margaret Cincotta, Isa’ako Elise, Maureen Fitzgerald, Ainsley Clarke, Mary Joan Williams, Carol Adikari, Gerrian Hillary Williams, Aiden Niggly, Denzil Moreira, Maria Nathan, Auxillia Johnson, Jacinta O’Neal, Gerard MacFarlaine, Kim Suarez, Greer Kelly- Lum Lock

*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.*

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**ST. AGATHA’S YOUTH GROUPS**

**Invictus (18+)** youth meeting: Every 1st Sunday of the month.12-2 in the parish hall

**Invigorate (12+)** youth meeting: Every 3rd Sunday of the month. 12-2:30 in the parish hall **ALPHA** 19th May

**ST. AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE**

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1st Friday of the Month



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| **8th & 9th March 2025** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | L Lim, R Clarke, K Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | T Heldt, L Jean Louis |
| **9.00am** | J Gunn | C Pereira, M Dam, A Dam |
| **10.45am** | A D’Mello | R Samson, L Cotacte, M Sombilion, J Raudino |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | R Howell, C Joseph, J Connell |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | L Clarke, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn |
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| **15th & 16th March 2025** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Sutherland | C D’Lima, R Trevisan, M Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | M Vechoorettu, H De Costa |
| **9.00am** | H Guerra | E Mandividza, S Spaull, I Lemalu |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | A Hughes, C Tyminkski, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | E Clinch, J MacDonald |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | C D’Lima, M D’Lima, L & P Joseph |

**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 Victoria 5996 1985  
**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN:** Mon 7:30pm Parish Hall 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 & Rosaryin the Church.

**SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Anetelea Fosio 0403 429 509

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** 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](mailto: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; 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 the Parish Office: 5996 1985

**LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Pracena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

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

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

**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>

***First sunday of lent, 9th March 2025***

First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

1. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' ***R.***

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. ***R.***

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. ***R.***

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer; ‘I am with you.’ I will save him in distress and give him glory. ***R.***

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you

will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread … … …