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# 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**

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# Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

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

**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 Saturday: 8.00am - 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

7.30pm-8.30pm

**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

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**5th March 2023**

#### 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 Joseph Abutu

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Mary Olofu,

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ****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

**PARISH NEWS**

**Dear Parishioners,** Parishioners are invited to the Stations of the Cross on Friday in Lent at 7.00pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Parish St Agatha’s 28th March at 7.00pm, several Priests will be available. St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North 22nd March 7.00pm. 23rd March OLHC, Narre Warren. St Patrick’s Pakenham, 7.00pm. St Michael’s Berwick, 7.00pm.

Hours of Grace (HOG) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the Paschal season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities. These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace. It is a personal invitation to all who love him through this Heavenly

Sacrament. This year, we will be having HOG at St Agatha’s from 10.00am on Saturday 25th March until 11.00am Saturday 1st April.

​Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings.

A roster is available at the entrance of the church for those who wish to sign on in advance for a selected period of time.

We require more volunteer collectors at the Sunday 6.00pm Mass, if you are able to assist please see me after Mass or contact the Parish Office. May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Jaxon Joseph Child of Jobi & Lincy, Zhavia Saavedra Child of Melbourne & Elviera.

**WEDDING BELLS:** We Congratulate Villar Angelito & Leangsim Chea on their Marriage on the weekend.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** from 11:00am – 12:00pm on Wednesday 8th March 2023 due to meeting.

**PRAYER CARDS** please take a prayer card and pray for children preparing for their First Reconciliation. Also RCIA children and Adults preparing to receive their Sacraments at Easter. Prayer cards are available in the Church foyer.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 15th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 16th March at 7.00pm in the Church. Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. $2 or more are tax deductible.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE:** As a gift to Pope Francis, we could offer our prayers for his ministry by praying the Hail Mary and lighting the virtual candle through the online prayer initiative launched by the digital synod. They will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' representing the Hail Marys that were prayed for him. Here is the link to offer your prayers.

<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY:** “Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish?  
We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!”

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP** will be praying in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. This is part of the worldwide forty days prayer vigil during Lent. Praying to end abortion. Tuesday the 27th of February to the 3rd April. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held this Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and current WWCC.

**WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER:** If you would like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

**ST AGATHA’S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN** 7th March 9:15am. 12:15pm & 5:30pm, 21st March 9:15am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm and 23rd March 9:15am & 12:15pm. Enrolments close 15th October 2023. Please contact Natalie on (03) 5996 2724 to book a tour. For more information please contact St Agatha’s Primary School or visit [www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stacbourne.catholic.edu.au)

**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 Officers are Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin who can be contacted 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.

**ST AGATHA’S PRAYER GROUP:** Monday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus?  Come journey with us this lent. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. Contact Jacinta on 0426973026.

**ST THERESE’S COMMUNITY HUB - TERM 1** Tuesday Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years from 9:15am-10:45am Starting on the 7th February 2023, Wednesday English class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 9th February, Friday Sewing class from 9:30am-11:30am Starting on the 10th of February. You may attend any or all of the programs.

**DISCOVER WHAT ST PETER’S COLLEGE HAVE TO OFFER Join** us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

**FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Joseph Abutu will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy land from 30th April to 13th May 2023. This pilgrimage organised by Magi Pilgrimages will feature Jordan, the Dead Sea, Petra, Mt Nebo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Mt Tabor, Jericho, and Jerusalem. This Pilgrimage costs inclusive flights, accommodation in 4-star hotels, and meals. Mass will be celebrated daily at various holy sites. More than 85% of the intended Pilgrims have made their deposits. However, if you wish to join the group, please make your reservation by 20th March 2023. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

**LOST IN CHURCH: Anti-Cancer** Sunglasses after 6.00pm Mass last Saturday, please contact the parish office if you found them.

**DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION –** **ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST** invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children’s Liturgy to attend: Date – 21st March 2023

Venue – Teacher’s Centre, Sion House, Warragul, from 9am to 3pm. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15th March 2023 to Barbara Durand at [bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au) or 56226678.

**LENTEN JOURNEY 2023 VIA ZOOM:** You are invited to gather & engage with others focusing on prayer, discussion and fellowship via Zoom. Over the next six weeks, we will journey, reflecting on the Scriptures we will hear from the Sunday Gospels. They call us to consider our baptismal call and our response to that call as we head towards the great feast of Easter. We will be using a Lenten Companion called Spirit and Truth, The Power of Christ Revealed, issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. If you can partake in only some of the sessions, your attendance is always welcome. For further details or enquiries, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the St Mary’s Parish Centre, Bairnsdale on 5152 2942. When: Monday 20th February, 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March. Time: 8 pm – 9 pm To receive a link: email Michelle at [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)

**PALMS AUSTRALIA MISSION:** Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire about potential assignments. 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

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***Go to our parish website at***

[**https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html**](https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html)

***on how to join and logon with the parish code: 2QKKNB***

***Every week - Formed highlight different content.***

**This week: God’s Love Poured Out**

[**https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka/season:1/videos/god-s-love-poured-out**](https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka/season:1/videos/god-s-love-poured-out)

**ARE YOU MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL?**  Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church. The contribution for each Mass can be paid directly from your estate (avoids costs being met by beneficiaries). This would be a real comfort knowing that Masses are being said regularly (say monthly) at the Catholic church of your choosing and all paid for from your estate. Remember to have a chat with your lawyer and he/she should be able to include this in the document when you are making or reviewing your Will.

**The Recently Deceased:** Alberto Marinucci, Eliana Radivo,

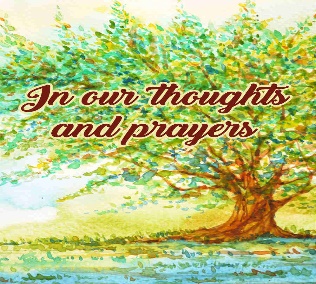
**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Santa Maria Gimeno, Eugenio & Antonio Gimeno, Carmelo and Concetta Sottile, Roy O’Callaghan, Nancy Moses, Peter Ainsworth, Surya Raphakonda [1st], Cecilia Crasto, Sirinimal Adikari,

**Those who are sick:** Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Cynthia Leonard, Hercules Pillay, Connie McVicar, Kevin Hart, Max King, Philip Sgroi, Tony & Gerda Small

*With respect for the privacy of the person who is ill, we can only accept requests from the ill person or their immediate family. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you wish to be taken off the sick list.*

*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 VOICE FOR LIFE**

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1st Friday of the Month

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm**

1st Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel



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| **4th & 5th March 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | T Heldt. L Louis |
| **9.00am** | Y Prasetyo | Y Prasetyo, T Dam, D Barker |
| **10.45am** | E Mandiviza | E Mandividza, A Ortencio, M D’Costa |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | B Evans, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Thomas, A & R Estrada |
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| **11th & 12th March 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | M D’Costa, R Trevisan, P Hunt |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | M Vechoorettu, M Sutherland |
| **9.00am** | T Dam | G Nelson, R Alejandro, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | L Gillespie | L Gillespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues, I Abraham |
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**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

**THE BRIGADIERS OF LOURDES:** 2nd Saturday of the Month 2.30pm – 4pm. Enq: Lorraine Dunkley 5996 8771

**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: Epati 0432 410 480

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph: Jacinta 0426 973 026

**PARISH CELLS COMMUNITY:** For further information contact Parish Office.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 2nd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 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 Sr Mary 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP**: Resumes in February 2023. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**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>

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

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future.

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

***second sunday of lent, 5th March 2023***

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. ***R.***

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. ***R.***

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

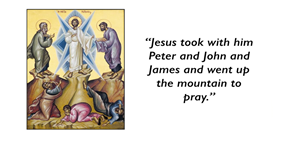
Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour … … …