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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 & 7.00pm

**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.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**12th November 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. 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 attend the Mass of the Angels, for those you have lost a child in infancy, stillbirth or miscarriage this Friday 17th at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all those who attended prayers at the cemetery last Sunday.

Thank everyone for your prayers and well wishes on my 15th Anniversary of Ordination. I was overwhelmed by your support and encouragement, please keep me in your prayers and once again Thank you and God bless you.

Sr Mary Olofu, Mother General of the Sisters of Nativity sends their sincere gratitude and warm regards to the staff and parishioners for their patience and support to our sisters in the parish. She has informed us that Sr Grace Shiedu who is currently completing her Counselling degree program in Kenya has been assigned to St Agatha’s Parish community from next year. Please keep Sr Grace Shiedu in your prayers that her visa application will be granted by God’s grace.

Please continue to pray for the students as they undertake their VCE Examination.

During November it is customary to pray for our deceased loved ones. Please place their names Cross in the Church for prayers during November.

Thank you to the parishioners who have responded to our request regarding giving to Stewardship via Direct Dibet. I would invite as many parishioners as possible to consider this option of giving due to the increased costs of Stewardship Envelopes and postage. Please contact Tina or Nona for assistance.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME A CHILDREN OF GOD:** Ole Lauaki, child of Siosi & Rachealitta, Inaya Tuimaseve, child of Brandyn & Faalanuomaaveave, Andres Abotanatin, child of Edrianne & Jhonna, Herotia Salamo, child of Salamo & Joy and Isaiah Esarza, child of Jesse & Candice.

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to Naidoo Drushkin & Rebecca Daly on their marriage this weekend.

**GROUNDS & GARDENING:** We thank all the volunteers who are currently giving of their time to help with gardening and mowing. We need more than nice comments, how lovely the grounds are looking. We invite you to join as a volunteer next year, as some members are in their 80’s and are unable to continue for much longer. All volunteers require a current Working with Children Card and a signed Parish Code of Conduct. We require volunteers for mowing, general cleaning up and gardening, also help needed building a retaining wall near the baby memorial garden. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:** We thank you for your financial support of St Agatha's Parish. Parishioners in the Stewardship program are reminded to collect their new envelopes and statement from the Church foyer, names are filed in Alphabetical order. Those giving by Credit Card or Direct Debit emails will be sent out this week. If you have any queries or wish to make any changes, please contact Tina or Nona in the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up next weekend to support the Military Ordinariate.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Christmas break up Friday 8th December from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. For those who did not receive their invitation at the Altar servers meeting. Invitations will be emailed out shortly.

**NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Parishioners wishing to offer Masses for their family and friends can fill in the November Offering envelope, which you will have in your Stewardship Envelopes pack or you may collect from the foyer table. Envelopes can be placed in the second collection.

**ADVENT GROUP:** A Advent Group will be meeting Thursday mornings at 10.30am please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE 527:** could you please contact the Parish Office.

**BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** We are in need of babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. If you are able to help at this special time please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** ***Volunteers needed as ushers, car park attendants, stage setup and dismantle,*** if you are available to assist, please contact the parish office. St Agatha’s Parish Christmas Carols, Saturday 16th December 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Family picnic at 6.30pm BYO food and chairs. St Agatha’s School Oval, BYO battery candle.

**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.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** meetings Mondays at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Join us!

**SISTERS OF THE NATIVITY ASSOCIATE FRIENDS (SONAF):** Be a part of our Life and Mission Prayer Meeting/Mass and Grief Support – Every 2nd Friday of the Month at 6.00pm at the Nativity Convent 109-111 Sladen Street Cranbourne.

**BISHOP GREG INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION:** At the Abbey, Raymond Island, on Thursday 23rd November from 10.00am until 3.30pm (morning tea available from 9.30am). $25 pp RSVP for catering on 5156 6580 or [infor@theabbey.org.au](mailto:infor@theabbey.org.au)   
**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: <https://aidtochurch.org/notw>

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** We can all be prepared to work towards ending domestic violence by listening to people who have been abused without judging or blaming them for the harm caused by another person. From Nov 16th to 19th, the parishes across the Sale Diocese unite in shining a light on Domestic Violence and praying for its end. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to Mass that weekend and all are invited to attend a special liturgy in one of these parishes. On Nov 16th at 7:00 pm St. Michael’s Traralgon, Nov 17th at 4:00 pm Sion House Warragul, 5:00 pm St. Mary’s Yarram, 6:00 pm St Mary’s Bairnsdale, 7:30 pm St. Michael’s Berwick.**YARRA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Invitation to YTU's Online Information Session for 2024 - Wed 15th November 2023 AT 5.30pm. YTU will answer all your questions and give further details regarding studying with them next year.  Online via zoom. Register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/1131843/sessions/4218288/sections/2120324/tickets> Please contact via email: [admin@ytu.edc.au](mailto:admin@ytu.edc.au) or phone: 03 9890 3771   
**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK:** You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Otobo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark in preparation for Year B. Via Zoom, Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please go to our website for more information. Please register to receive the link. [www.trybooking.comCMOVER](http://www.trybooking.comCMOVER) email: [sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au)  
**HARKAWAY HILLS COLLEGE** is excited to invite you to their inaugural Christmas Maker’s Market. With over 50 stallholders showcasing an array of goods, you can get your Christmas shopping done while enjoying live music, art exhibitions and culinary delights from food stalls and trucks. This event promises to be a delightful evening for the whole family. Date: Saturday 25th November Time: 4PM - 9PM Venue: Harkaway Hills College, 20 A'Beckett Road, Narre Warren North **SAFEGUARDING:** All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy as follows:

1. To have a valid Working With Children Check certificate from the Department of Justice;

2.To sign the current parish Code of Conduct every 3 years; and

3.To undergo the diocesan Safeguarding Training annually (either on-line or in person whenever it is available).

Should you have any difficulty in complying with any of the above requirements, kindly inform the parish office and we will assist you to do the necessary.

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**The Recently Deceased:** Joan Tapp, Noel Ragoobur, Irene Araujo

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Auvale family, King & Balmer family, Family members of Francis & Angelo Families, Theresa Manikomtel, Orazio Molino, Alfonso & Domenica Rechichi, Nicola & Mario Casella, Edward & Shirley Moore, Hubert & Otelia Concesso, Sarina & Placito Papa, Christopher Vicino, Rita Casey 1st, Ann Royston, Indra Sanasee, Jeremy Soyza, Risicato Alfio, Vincenzo Gregoria, Olga & James D’Vaz, Roslyn & Riccardo Galloy, Fr John Gavan, Fr Daniel O’Reily

**Those who are sick:** Otto Harris, Alwyn Magee, Jasmine George, Sonia Singh, Danielle Howe, John Larkin, Carmel Hall, Mia Bruynen

*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 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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| **11th & 12th November 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | D Hughes | L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | C & R Beloso |
| **9.00am** | R Alejandro | P & L Joseph, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | I Lemalu | R Holsinger, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | I Lemalu, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Estrada, R Estrada & Volunteer |
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| **18th & 19th November 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | D Grace, M Cincotta, R Clarke |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | L Joseph, M Vechoorettu |
| **9.00am** | J Gunn | Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir, I Lemalu |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | S Lucas, N Atulia, Volunteer |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Abraham, J Mac Donald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues |
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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: 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

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

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

 <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>

***32nd sunday of the year, 12th NOVEMBER 2023***

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. 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.***

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as the lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your Death… … …



In the parable, the oil in the wise virgins' lamps represents their righteous living and obedience. We each fill our own lamp, which represents our own life, with our obedience and righteousness. Heavenly Father's blessings to us for our righteous actions cannot be given to the disobedient.