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***St Agatha's Parish***

 ***Cranbourne***

# 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**

***Facebook Live:*** <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>

# Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9.30am - Live Streamed
**Wednesday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed
 12.00 Midday, 5.00pm & 7.00pm

**Thursday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.30pm

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

 **Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday & 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. Please check in with the Victorian QR code app on arrival.

**Healing Mass** Suspended

**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 Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

 **Marriages**

6 months’ notice requested

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**27th February 2022**

#### 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

**Website:** www.stagathas.org.au

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Stanly Devasia

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

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safe Guarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ****5996 1985

**Email:** cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

**Parish Secretary:** MrsTina Dam

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**St Agatha’s Primary School**

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

****5996 2724

**Deputy Principal:** Liam Doherty

# 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

**PARISH NEWS**

**DEAR PARISHIONERS:** Today we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day at the 10.45am Mass, followed by a procession of the St. Agatha’s statue from the Church around the carpark.

I am pleased to announce that Nona Matatumua has accepted the position as Assistant Parish Secretary and that John MacDonald has accepted the position as Gardener/Maintenance. Please join me in making them feel welcome in their new positions.

Many of you may know Mark Hughes a parishioner of St Agatha’s. Mark has been studying for the Priesthood at the Seminary in Carlton. Bishop Greg will be ordaining Mark to the Diaconate on Saturday 12th March at 11.00am at St Agatha’s. Parishioners are invited to join us for Mass followed by light refreshments in the School Hall after Mass. Due to Government Restrictions only fully vaccinated will be able to attend the refreshments in the hall.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:** 9.30am, 12Noon, 5.00pm & 7.00pm at St Agatha’s Church. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14th year are obliged to Abstain from meat. The Paschal Precept requires that each of the faithful receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Every Friday, including those in Lent, is a Day of Penance, which may include Prayer [i.e., attending Mass, Stations of the Cross, visiting a Church, or praying the Rosary]; Self Denial [i.e., not eating meat, not drinking alcohol, limiting food, giving up sweets]; Helping Others [i.e., especially the poor, sick and elderly].

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

This year the Sisters have changed their roles, Sr Faustina is now responsible for the Sacraments. Sr Victoria is responsible for Liturgy, RE Classes and Junior RCIA. Sr Mary is responsible for Pastoral Visits, God Start and the Youth. May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Jonah Soliman, child of John & Rosette and Kingsley Jacotine, child of Mark & Justine.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 9th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Church.Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Parishioners are invited take a prayer card from the Church foyer and pray for one of the children preparing to make their First Reconciliation. Thank you.

**RCIA:** Inquirers will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance in the Order of the Catechumenate at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday. At this Rite, they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ. These inquirers have freely sought God and conversion. As the Holy Spirit opens their hearts and minds, we ask you please pray for them as they continue their journey in faith.

**RCIA CANDIDATES** will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9.00am Mass Sunday 6th March. As they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale, please continue to keep Amal, Jörg & Vlad in your prayers.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world.

As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.”

For more information: lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION:** The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13.

Don’t miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church!

How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**RCIA RITE OF ELECTION: For Catechumens and 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 celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. Immediately prior to the Rite of Election, Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct). Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea, no sandwiches please.

**RITE OF ELECTION: Parish Singers and Musicians Wanted!** at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 6th March. Please join us on the day, expression of interest email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools Wednesday during school terms at 4.00pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS:** Would you like to volunteer as a RE Catechist? Classes are held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Experienced Catechists and new member welcome. For more information contact Sr Victoria on 59961 985

**CATECHISTS & CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS:** The Diocese of Sale invites all Catechists and those involved in Children’s Liturgy to attend the Annual Gathering and Eucharist Tuesday 22nd March 9.00am Sion Room, Sion House, Warragul. RSVP by Wednesday 16th March to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au

**CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked “Flowers” Thank you.

**LENTEN RETREAT- REMEMBER:** The first word we hear during Lent is ‘Remember.’

“Jesus could say no because he had in fact already said “yes” to his Father. Once can never find a no when what we have said yes to still holds its integrity within our hearts.”

We are inviting everyone to join our online Lenten Retreat for this year 2022.

Our first meeting is on 3rd March at 10:30am - 11:45am. The next meetings will start at 10:45am -11:45am on March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 7. Lenten Retreat Daily reflections will be available for your prayer material. The registration will close on February 28th.

We also offer this year: Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius de Loyola with limited places.

• Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts, This is an inclusive and contemporary retreat that has the same dynamic seasons as that of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola written in the early sixteenth century.

This has limited places so please book in early.

• Spiritual Direction

 Please contact either Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:**  Monday group meet (after 9.30am Mass) until 12.00 noon. All welcome!

**GROUP LEADERS:** As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, it is a Diocesan requirement that leaders are to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for Safeguarding records and QR code on arrival.

*Netflix for Catholics, free for all* ***parishioners! Go to our parish website at*** <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: For the Children preparing for Reconciliation **Forgiven: The Blessings of Confession** <https://watch.formed.org/videos/forgiven-the-blessings-of-confession>

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**: Themed: England, Wales & Northern Ireland. Friday 4th March 10.00am. St John’s Anglican Church, 27 Childers Street, Cranbourne Contact 5995 9364 or stjohnscranbourne@gmail.com

***COVID SAFETY:*** In line with current government restrictions. We ask that you kindly register with QR code provided on arrival.

***IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.***

**FACE COVERINGS:** Are not needed but recommended if you cannot physically distance.

**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 If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000**



**The Recently Deceased:** Priscilla Vasquez, Rose Stephenson, Manickam Mathiews, Rosario Ranola, Sheela Anthony

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Maggie Mae Macariola, Santa Maria Cimino, Eugenio & Antoni Cimino, Lionel Jayakody, Pauline Carew, Elsie Toebelman, Kevin Pearce, Francesco Bruno, Gaeta Papa, Salina Romano, Trevino De Kauwe, Rodney Hart, Joseph Francis, Teresita D’Rosario, David Willap, For the souls of the Sutherland and Madeira family, Alex Salvo,

Sr Helen Eluma SON, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson

**Those who are sick:** Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Gerry Shafton, Cynthia Leonard

*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.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 1st Sunday of Lent Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-3

**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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| **26 -27th February 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Children’s Choir | L Lim, M & R Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | R Trevisan | C Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | G Nelson | R Alejandro, P Spierings, D Barker |
| **10.45am** | R D’Mello | C Tyminski, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **6.00pm** | T Hummel | Y Prasetyo, C Joseph, J Connel |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | C D’Lima, D Barker |
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| **5 & 6th March 2022** | **Lector** | **RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | T Heldt | M Parrocho, M Cincotta, A Hughes |
| **7.30am** | J Vechoorettu | M Soni |
| **9.00am** | R Gimeno | K Parrocho, J Raudino, P Spierings |
| **10.45am** | R Holsinger | R D’Mello, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Clinch, E Abraham, A Ulu |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn |
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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.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985

## AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**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: Petelo 0435 118 132

**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

**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

**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**: For COVID safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

**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 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.

**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>

**8th sunday in ordinary TIME, 27th february 2022**

First Reading

Sir 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. cf. v.2

1. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. ***R.***

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. ***R.***

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. ***R.***

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

***MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION***

We proclaim your Death… … …

**Holiness**

There is no single definition of holiness; there are dozens, hundreds. But there is one I am particularly fond of; being holy means getting up immediately every time you fall, with humility and joy. It doesn’t mean never falling into sin. It means being able to say, ‘Yes, Lord, I have fallen a thousand times. But thanks to you I have got up again a thousand and one times.’

That’s all. I like thinking about that.

***Bishop Helder Camara***

Holiness is not an optional extra to the process of creation but rather the whole point of it.

***Donald Nicholl***

You must be holy in the way God asks you to be holy. God does not ask you to be a Trappist monk or a hermit. He wills that you sanctify the world and your everyday life.

***St Vincent Pallotti***

The serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world next to the power of God.

***Blaise Pascal***

Humour is one of the three H’s that link Holiness to Humility.

***T. D. Roberts***

To know what holiness is you have to be holy.

***Donald Nicholl***

There is no true holiness without humility.

***Thomas Fuller***

Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.

***St Francis of Assissi***

The beauty of holiness has done more, and will do more, to regenerate the world and bring in everlasting righteousness than all the other agencies put together.
***Thomas Chalmers***

All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life-work may be.

***St Francis de Sales***