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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**

# 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 & 7.30pm

**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 Friday: 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.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**10th March 2024**

#### 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](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

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:**

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

**Email:** 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**

**REJOICE (Lætare) SUNDAY**

**Dear parishioners,** the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Lætare (Rejoice) Sunday. As on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Why does the Church invite us in the middle of the penitential season of Lent to rejoice? Because “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16). This is the central theme of this weekend readings. As saint Augustine puts it: “God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love”.

HOURS OF GRACE (16th March – 23rd March)

This is a special time for 24 hours of perpetual adoration with the Blessed Sacrament during this Lent season. I am pleased to invite you to spend one hour in adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament which begins on Saturday 16th March until 23rd March. During this hour, we will have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and seek His guidance and wisdom. I encourage you to join us for this beautiful experience of adoration. Your presence and prayerfulness will make it all the more meaningful. Please write your name down on the list in the church Foyer.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONY (13th & 14th March)

This week we welcome our candidates to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation on 13th & 14th March at 5pm and 7pm. Dear candidates, we are so grateful to have you as part of our faith community and we pray that this sacrament may become a time for you to encounter the Mercy and love of God. We look forward to celebrating this special moment with you!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION (19th March)

Dear Parishioners, as we are coming closer to the celebration of Holy Week, I welcome you to celebrate the parish Lenten Reconciliation on 19th March at 7pm in the church. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's mercy and grace. **Please note that there will be no other Reconciliation services during the same week or Holy Week in our parish,** so I encourage you to plan ahead and make every effort to participate in this special moment of healing and renewal.

Other opportunities for Reconciliation are available at St Patrick’s Pakenham 12th March at 7:00pm, St Michael’s Berwick – 13th March at 7:30pm, OLHC Narre Warren 14th March at 7:00pm, St John’s Koo-Wee-Rup 21st March at 5:00pm, St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North 21st March at 7:00pm and St Joseph’s Iona 22nd March at 5:00pm.

Fr. Antony PP

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed this Monday 11th March public holiday and reopen on Tuesday 12th at 1.00pm.

**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

**BIBLE STUDIES SESSION:** St Agatha’s will be hosting a session on Sunday 17th March in the Parish Hall from 3.00pm to 5.30pm on the focusing on the last seven days of Jesus, from the Jewish Roots of Holy Week. Please contact the parish office to register on 5996 1985 or email the parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY:** A representative of the Mothers Who Pray group will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** A guest speaker Siji Dominic will be speaking about Project Compassion at all Masses next weekend.

**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. Prayer cards are available in the Church foyer.

**RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES** will be participating in the second scrutiny at 9.00am Mass this weekend. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God’s help. The weekend Gospel readings for the 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent will be taken from Year A at the 9.00am Mass.

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Training for new Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors 18th April at 7.00pm in the Church, please save this date.

 **MASS INTENTIONS:** Please do not approach the Priest before Mass on with a request for a Mass intention, to avoid disappointment. Exceptions will be made for someone who has just passed away or become seriously ill suddenly. Please book through the parish office in advance, as you know the dates of birthdays, anniversary etc. Thank you.

**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. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**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.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:** *1800RESPECT* - 1800 737 732; *SAFE STEPS:* 1800 015 188; *ORANGE DOOR:* 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham.

**VFL MEETING:** Tuesday at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life. **ST. PETER'S COLLEGE - 2024 DISCOVERY EVENINGS:** Come see our College in action! Our Discovery Evenings deliver opportunities for parents and students to meet and talk with our current staff & students and to join in some classroom activities. Both will commence at 6pm with registration open from 5.45pm. - Cranbourne Campus - Tuesday 26 March - Clyde North Campus - Wednesday 27 March. BOOK NOW at <https://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au/book-a-campus-tour/>  **COME AND SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 on Sunday, 7th April 2024 at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**Young Adults 18-35: BEAT ANXIETY – YOU HAVE THE POWER!!** Sunday 10th March, 6:30-8:30pm St Thomas the Apostle Parish Church Foyer. Join our Young Adults of St Thomas the Apostle Parish Clyde North - ages 18-35 for this empowering talk on how to beat anxiety in our everyday lives. Fr Mark Hughes will speak on how to identify what anxiety looks like for young people in this modern world and how to cope when we can often feel defeated by this overwhelming emotion. Together we will learn to use the tools provided to us by our faith - so that we can learn to overcome this debilitating emotion which will enable us to become empowered in Christ! 'I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me' Phil 4:13 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL <https://www.trybooking.com/CPSQR> This event is FREE however donations are welcome. FREE SUPPER PROVIDED!

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Saturday April 27th**. Come and experience ‘Mother’s who Pray for their Children’ at the Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne. Join us for insightful talks, live music, stalls and more. Secure your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1148763>
**Meetings** held on Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Mother’s, Grandmother’s and Spiritual Mother’s Welcome! Any inquiries please contact Mary – 0417 391 298. Follow us on Facebook – Mothers who Pray for their Children/International or Instagram. For more information go to: <http://motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com/>

**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.

**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.

**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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Samantha Murphy, Rodolfo Candido, Lise Engelbright

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Eliana Radivo, Roy O’Callaghan, Mgr Daniel McCartan, Alex Lefevre, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Michael Hankins, Cynthia Woods, Chantal Andre, Liston & Rita Spink, Eliana Radivo, Daphne Joachim, Joseph Crasto, Kenneth Paris, Philomena & Everast Paris, Gladys Ann Thomas, Paul Stephens, Shane, Michele

**Those who are sick:** Otto Harris, Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Danielle Howe, John Larkin, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear

*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.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-24 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-30

**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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| **9th & 10th March 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | L Lim | R Trevisan, R Sutherland, M Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | T Heldt, L Jean Louis |
|  **9.00am** | J Kelly | J Raudino, P & L Joseph |
| **10.45am** | A Dmello | M Gambin, E Mandividza, A Ortencio, R Samson |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | I Lemalu, J D’Souza, R Howell |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn |
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| **16th & 17th March 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | M D’Costa, L Lim, D Grace |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | M Vechoorettu, C Beloso |
| **9.00am** | I Lemalu | M Neiuwesteeg, C Costimir, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | L Gilespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu, C Tyminski |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | C Joseph, J Connell, E Clinch |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | C & 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

**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 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

**AGAPE [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

**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>

***fourth sunday of lent, 10th march 2024***

FIRST READING Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, `Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: `Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. ***R.***

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. `Sing to us,' they said, `one of Zion's songs.' ***R.***

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! ***R.***

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! ***R.***

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death.… … …