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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

 & 1.30pm Funeral Mass

**Friday:** 9:30am & 7.00pm - In the Church

**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 Sacament**

 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.

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**27th August 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

**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

**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,** thank you, Fr Peter Kooloos & Fr Paul Zaher for your wonderful leadership while I was away. I am grateful to you the parishioners of St. Agatha’s for supporting Fr Peter & Fr Paul and I am appreciative of everyone’s prayers.

Today we will be farewelling Sr Mary at the 10.45am Mass, followed by lunch at St Agatha’s School Hall. Sr Mary will be leaving this Tuesday morning for her new role as Mother General. We are forever grateful for her contribution, dedication, and hard work for our Parish. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide her in her new ministry.

We welcome back Sr Victoria.

May God Bless, you. Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Kyla McGowan Child of Christopher & Samantha, Ayla Maio Child of Paul & Tara, Mia & Frankie Hechenberger Children of Robbie & Emma.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken upfor Sr Marythis weekend.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We congratulate Maja Briski who will be celebrating her First Communion this weekend.

**FUNERAL MASS** for Fritz Houben will be celebrated on Thursday 31st August at 1.30pm in the Church.

**GODSTART CARDS:** Volunteers who deliver GodStart cards, please collect them from the Sacristy.

**LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** New rosters have been emailed during the week. Copies are available in the foyer of the Church.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEKEND FOR FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:** This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about $400,000.

Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up next weekend to assist the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of $2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

**MOVE NIGHT: “LIFEMARK”** based on a true story. This movie is a must see, with a positive end to a desperate situation. A good to see story that tells young people that a choice for life is the best choice. Friday 15th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bookings through the Parish Office Ages 16 and up.

**ST AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE: Baby memorial plaque** orders will be available for order to them ready for Mass of the Angels in mid-November. Anyone wishing to order a plaque for a baby lost to still birth, miscarriage, SIDS or infant loss please contact the parish office or call Maria on 0409 563 864.

**SOUND OF FREEDOM:** In cinemas now, this movie is a way to raise awareness about child trafficking. Together we can make a difference, based on the incredible true story, SOUND OF FREEDOM shines a light on even the darkest of places. <https://www.sofmovie.com.au/?user_id=d3810602f6ad01d78205&utm_campaign=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm_content=25%2F08%2F23+MCP+SOF+-+Australia&utm_medium=email_action&utm_source=Heritage+Films>

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, MELBOURNE LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE VC:** Healing Mass every First Thursday of the month, please join us at St Agatha’s Parish for 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Praise & Worship, 7:15pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Healing Prayers. For more Information – Ramesh & Bernie 0433 549 167 /0425717556 /0466631130 or email vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

***Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!***

***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: Eucharist for little children.***

[**https://watch.formed.org/the-eucharist-for-little-children**](https://watch.formed.org/the-eucharist-for-little-children)

**MYSTERY AND MISSION – THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION:** Calling all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, and campus ministers. The 2023 National Conference will be held in Brisbane on September 28-30. Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: <https://palms.org.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 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.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL:** Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of September 30-October 1 in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. Fifteen people from Australia will be participating in the Synod, and they have asked for the Catholic community’s prayers as they prepare for their important task. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request, and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at: <https://together2023.net/>



**The Recently Deceased:** Liston Jude Spink, Lucie Renee Beddengenoodts, Fritz Houben, Bruce Burnet [Tasmania],

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fausto Giorgio Radivo 1st,Pat Larken, Gwen Hudson, Louis Johny Kerver, Jesunayagam, Eda Choureemootoo, Thomas Williams, Armand Ridoynauth, Paily Paulo[1st], Maryam Kottarathil, Jesu Mary, Edil Berto, Gloria Magat, Rita Pereira, Lilly Liveiro,

**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, Kevin Hart, Max King, Philip Sgroi, Tony & Gerda Small, Norman Hall, Richard Nathan, Carmela Rayburn, Ian Wilkinson, Rose 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. 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 – Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

**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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| **26th & 27th August 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Childrens Choir | M Sutherland, C D’Lima, M D’Costa |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | C Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | I Lemalu | Y Prasetyo, C Gostmir, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | E Mandividza | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | J D’Souza, C Joseph, E Clinch |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues |
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| **2nd & 3rd September 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | P Hunt, L Lim, R Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | C Beloso, T Heldt |
| **9.00am** | P Joseph | S Spaull, M Nieuwesteeg, Y Prasetyo |
| **10.45am** | L Gillespie | R D’Mello, L Caballero, K Johnson |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | I Lemalu, J D’Souza, C Joseph |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello  |
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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

**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

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>

***21st Sunday in ordinary time, 27th August 2023***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. ***R.***

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. ***R.***

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, `Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, `Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'.

'But you', he said, `who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, `You are the Christ,' he said, `the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, `Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So now I say to you:

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread… … …

