



ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH CRANBOURNE



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 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]*

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**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 Ogbale [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:** Mrs Tina 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

## 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 & 7.00pm - In the Church

**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 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month**

7.30pm-8.30pm

### Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*We wish all Father's in our Parish  
a happy and Blessed Father's Day today!*

**Dear Parishioners,** This weekend we ask God's blessing for all fathers on Father's Day, and remember our deceased fathers in our prayers. We congratulate the children from our parish will be making their First Communion. We pray for these children and their families. Youth will be speaking at all Masses this weekend to thank parishioners for their support and prayers.

Fr Paul Zaher has been appointed Assistant Priest at St Michael's parish Berwick, his appointment will affect 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

I wish to thank all those to provided food and assistance at such short notice to make Sr Mary's farewell a great success and wonderful send off for her.

A special thank you to Merina, Anita Hughes and family, Mary and Krotwaar family, Bert, Regina, Dominic, car park attendants and all the Youth members for all your help.

May God bless you richly for your kindness, generosity, and support.  
Fr Joseph

**MESSAGE FROM SR MARY:** I arrived my destination safely. May God continue to bless you, strengthen your faith in Him and reward you abundantly.

I sincerely thank all of you, dear Parish Priest, Sisters, Staff and parishioners of St Agatha's parish for your love in action. Under a very short notice you were able to demonstrate such great level of love and generosity in the awesome farewell you organised for me. I have always enjoyed your act of kindness, warmth, prayers good wishes and generosity. May God who knows your inmost hearts replenish you from His abundance and grant your hearts desires.

You will always remain a part of my life and in my prayers. Please keep me and the Congregation of Sisters of the Nativity in your prayers. We love you. May God bless you all.

*Yours in Christ,  
Mother Mary Olofu.*

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We congratulate Benjamin Barret & Sophie Davey who will be celebrating their First Communion at the 9.00am today. We also congratulate all the children who will be celebrating her First Communion at 2.00pm Mass this weekend.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Mass will be celebrated this Friday at 7.00pm at St Agatha's in Honour of Our Lady, hosted by the Jesus Youth Community.

**DON'T SUBSIDISE ABORTIONS IN AUSTRALIA:** Please take a flyer from the foyer regarding concerns about our taxes subsidising abortions and transportation to the clinics in Australia.

**CHILD SAFETY WEEK:** This week we celebrate Child Safety week from 3rd to 10th September. This year, Catholic schools and parishes have shared their innovative child safety projects through a video and resource titled, Child Safety in Action in the Diocese of Sale.

Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet, opened the video by commending schools and parishes for their valuable work aimed at keeping children and young people safe.

"We strongly encourage families, grandparents, and all individuals to actively initiate conversations about child safety with the younger generation in their lives. These conversations are invaluable in shaping their understanding and awareness of this important subject."

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Church for new Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers. Current Lectors and Extraordinary ministers are invited to join us for a refresher.

**AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA:** The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. St Agatha's will be praying the Rosary on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October after 9.30am Mass on the Presbytery front garden.

**PLAYGROUP:** Sr Mary was responsible for the Playgroup on Tuesday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am. We are looking for a mother or mothers who wish to take on the Playgroup leadership role. If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

**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.

**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: *Saved in Hope* by Pope Benedict XVI

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/saved-in-hope-by-pope-benedict-xvi>

**FORMED**

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Will be taken up today for **FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE.** Proceeds go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons in our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please put 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. Ages 16 and up. Friday 15th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Online bookings <https://forms.gle/D4CwcunS5KrUyQDS9> or via the Parish Office

**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](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)

**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](mailto:vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com)

**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MT ELIZA:** Ex-Gangster John Pridmore nearly killed a man who failed to pay a debt. After his conversion in 1992, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and met St. Mother Theresa. They helped him to love again and to use his story to help others. John Pridmore has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion. He has inspired countless individuals to find hope and meaning through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions. John will be speaking at St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza. Each begins at 7:30pm and runs for one hour. Night 1 18th September - God's Love - Getting to know the depth of God's love. Night 2: 19th September - God's Mercy - A chance to personally experience the mercy of Jesus. Night 3: 20th September - God's Healing - Healing service – allowing Jesus to heal us.

**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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Alton David, Fritz Houben, Roberto Gonzales,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** George Perinayegon 1<sup>st</sup>, Alex Salvo, Paily Paulo 1<sup>st</sup>, Thomas Kottarathil, Freddy Doggett, Joseph, Kenneth, John & Antoinette Crasto, Carmelo & Concetta Sottile, Antoniett Gambin, Lincoln Rozario, Santhanam Santiago Benjamin, Harriet Desilva, Wilbert Jayasuriga, Gino Raffa, Kenneth Paris, James Barlow, Matthew McEvoy, John Rodrigues, Merlyn Thomas, Leopoldo Alfaro 1<sup>st</sup>, David Willatgamuwa, Fr Patrick Cremin, Fr John Kavanagh

**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- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Spaul, 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
CHURCH COUNTERS		K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello

ST AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE

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**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION, 7.30pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month – at our Adoration chapel



“Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me.” *Matthew 25:40*

9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Lector	
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	L Lim	M Parrocho, D Grace, M Cincotta
7.30am	I Lemalu	R Beloso, P Joseph
9.00am	J Raudino	C Gostimir, T Dam, M Dam
10.45am	S Laufou	M Gambin, E Mandividza, A Ortenico
6.00pm	A Ulu	J Connell, E Clinch, A Ulu
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham

## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month 2.30pm – 4pm. Enq: Lorraine Dunkley 5996 8771

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Weekdays after morning Mass & Rosary in 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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>



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



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**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.

**FIRST READING**

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. 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.**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said, 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us Saviour... ..

