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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, 5.00pm & 7.00pm (Ash Wednesday)

**Thursday:** 9.30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9.30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**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. Next Baptism Information Session held on Sunday 28th January, 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.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**11th February 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**

**Dear parishioners,** thank you to everyone who assisted in the preparation for St Agatha’s Feast Day and to all who attended, it was a wonderful day filled with parish community spirit.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February which marks the beginning of Lent, a special period in the liturgical year. We reflect on the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

40 days of Lent are often linked to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert and the 40 years that the people of God wandered in the desert. The period of Lent gives us an opportunity to return to the heart of God and rediscover Him in your life.

In the book of prophet Joel chapter 2, he lays down few conditions of returning.

The first condition is that I must return to the Lord with all my heart. There can be no room in my heart for anything else except God.

The second condition is that I must return to God with fasting. The Church instructs us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season.

 Normally fasting refers to abstaining from food. We need to do something special to differentiate fasting from a simple form of a diet. Here I share with you some of the reflections of Pope Francis on fasting.

Fast from hurting words and say kind Words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and trust in God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen the voice of God

During this time of Lent, the Lord is going to make these 40 days a powerful retreat to recharge our spiritual batteries. I wish you all a spirit-filled Lent season. Fr. Antony PP

**A MESSAGE FROM FR JOSEPH:** Dear Parishioners of St Agatha's, I cannot thank you enough for my official farewell from the parish last Sunday. Your love is overwhelming, and your generosity is far above and beyond what I truly deserve. You made me feel very special and I will remain eternally grateful to all of you.

The beautiful monstrance, among the other things you gave me, is the best gift I could ever ask for. I will always use it to pray for each of you and the entire parish family. Please don't forget to pray for me. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped organise my farewell. May God continue to bless you. Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Jayce Fisher Child of Matthew & Riannon, Connor O’Hara Child of Brendan & Allyssa, Murphey Puts Child of Mark & Kristy, Elle Harkin Child of Liam & Kimbalee, Matteo Lazzara Child of Joseph & Bianca, Zareena Lak Child of Toghrol & Tasha.

**WORD DAY OF THE SICK:** Each year on February 11, the Catholic Church marks the World Day of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This is a time to offer prayers for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The theme of this year’s observance is “It is not good that man should be alone”. Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships. Let us pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. To read the Holy father’s Message visit: <http://tinyurl.com/rreapwfr>

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion boxes or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations, will be available from Ash Wednesday.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** You are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings after Mass at 10.30am beginning 13th February 2024 at 10.30am in Providence House.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS** are available for purchase from the Piety Stall for you to pray at home during Lent.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024:** Information & Parent Workshop Thursday 15th February at 7.00pm in the Church. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child.

**BISHOP GREG** has released a message from Rome, where he is attending the Congress for the Ongoing Formation of Clergy in my capacity as a Member of the Dicastery for Clergy. Copies are available in the foyer on our website.

**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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Do you have an hour or two to spare? We require extraordinary ministers to help visiting the home bound parishioners would are unable to attend Mass but still would like a visit and to receive communion. If you can assist? Please contact the parish office or speak to Sr Victoria or Sr Faustina.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:** Wednesday 14th February 9.30am, 5.00pm & 7.00pm in the 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. Ashes will be available to take home for the infirm who are unable to attend Mass.

**VFL MEETING** this month will be on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life.

**RCIA RITE OF ELECTION:** The 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, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 18th February at 3.00pm at Sr Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. Beginning with a guided tour of the Cathedral at 1.30pm. All Welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools will resumed on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 4.00pm.Registration can be made online [https://stagathas.org.au/component/com\_formmaker/Itemid,841/id,18/view,formmaker/](https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid%2C841/id%2C18/view%2Cformmaker/) or at the Parish Office.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Are you able to assist with helping Junior RCIA? Classes every Saturday during school terms from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** weekly meetings will resume on Monday 12th February 2024 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. 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 [www.motherswhoprayfortheirchildren](http://www.motherswhoprayfortheirchildren) on Instagram.

**FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE** 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>

**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:** Jenny Stanley [India], Edgar Almeida [India], Rolanda D’Souza, Iris Lopez Fritzlin Bernard,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Vaughan Boucher, Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Emanuel (Manny) Spiteri, Fr Wladyslaw (Les) Lisik S Chr, Michael Hankins, Louisa Jakubicky, Sirinimal Adikari, John N.C.I, Abraham C.J, Maud Tyloo, Helene Anthony, Francesco Bellinvia, Maria Molino, Edward & Shirley Moore. Herbert & Otelia Concesso, Olga & Seigbert Alves, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Diana Thomas, Les Bennett, Rudy Phillips, Vincenzo & Angelo Barca, Phillipe Rosse,

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

*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 – First Sunday of Lent Gen 9:8-15 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

**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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| **10th & 11th February 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | S Crinall | B Evans, K Parrocho, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** | I Lemalu | M Vechoorettu, R Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | J Gunn | L Joseph, M Nieuwesteeg, Y Prasetyo |
| **10.45am** | M Thomas | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia, C Tyminski |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Clinch, A Ulu, volunteer |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | E/C Beloso, M Rodrigues |
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| **17th & 18th February 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | D Grace, M Cincotta, R Clarke |
| **7.30am** | L Piedad | L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu |
| **9.00am** | Y Prasetyo | C Costimir, T Dam, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | S Lucas, N Atulia, M Gambin, K Auvale |
| **6.00pm** | R Howell | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | K Jolley, C Di Pietro, V Bucello |

 **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>

***6th sunday in ordinary time, 11th February 2024***

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean.” As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. ***R.***

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: `I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. ***R.***

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. ***R.***

SECOND READING

1Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything, offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: `If you want to' he said `you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. `Of course I want to!' he said. `Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, `Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us Saviour.… … …

