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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**

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# Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Monday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Tuesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & 1.30pm Funeral Mass

**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.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**17th 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](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 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](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** MrsTina Dam

**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs Nona Tusitala

****5996 1985

**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,** I hope this message finds you well. A few things to remind you. Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. A time to reflect on the last days of Jesus' life before his crucifixion and resurrection. Palm Sunday Liturgy begins from outside the Church foyer where we will distribute palm branches for you to hold during the procession into the church. I invite you to come early to have time to pick up your palm branches and to join for this special service as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and reflect on the sacrifice he made for us.

We congratulate our candidates who made their First Reconciliation last week. A special thanks goes to sacramental team members Sr. Faustina and Michelle Hinds and other school staff for their dedication and support in preparing the candidates for this celebration.

**HOURS OF GRACE** (16th March – 23rd March) This is a special time for 24 hours of perpetual adoration in 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. During this hour, we take 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.

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION** (19th March) as we are coming closer to the celebration of Holy Week. I invite 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.** 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 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.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Antony PP

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Tessa White Child of Kane & Chantell, Santiago Gonzalez Child of Andres & Patrisha.

**HOURS OF GRACE:** The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings.

**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](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** A guest speaker Siji Dominic will be speaking about Project Compassion at the morning Masses this weekend.

**ANNUAL CHRISM MASS:** All people of the Diocese of Sale are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday 26th March at 11.00am 2024. St Mary’s Cathedral, 47 Foster St, Sale. This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year.

**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.

**THE RCIA ELECT & CANDIDATES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER AT 9.00AM MASS TODAY:** This Rite, entrusts to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church the precious words of our Lord on prayer. This prayer of hope is to Catholics a summary of the entire Christian life, and a model of that relationship of trust that we are invited to enter as children of our Heavenly Father. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this Rite symbolizes the passing down of our heritage of prayer, learned at the feet of the Saviour, and nurtured in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that is the Church.

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

**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.

**LECTORS FOR EASTER:** Please collect your copy of the readings from the Sacristy, thank you.

**ROSTERS FOR PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL NARRATORS:**

**6.00pm:** D.Hughes, S Crinall

**7.30am:** R Trevisan, P Joseph

**9.00am:** Reanne D’Mello, J Pasala

**10.45am:** B Vechoorettu, N Atulia

**6.00pm:** A Ulu, J MacDonald

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS 28th March:**

**LECTOR:** A D’Mello **NARRATOR:** E Abraham

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:** L Gillespie, J Raudino, T Dam,

R Trevisan, A Dam, A Hughes

**GOOD FRIDAY 29th March:**

**LECTORS:** Youth

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** D Hughes, T Nyerenyere, L Joseph, C Joseph, Sr.Faustina Ede, G Nelson, C Beloso

**EASTER VIGIL 30th March: LECTORS:** 1st R Gimeno, 2nd D Abraham, 3rd R Sutherland, 4th G Cristina, 5th Y Prasetyo

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** M Nieuwesteeg, R Beloso,

E Mandividza, R Hughes, T Heldt, M Lutu, A Ulu

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

**ST. AGATHA’S - HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE**

**Parish Reconciliation this** Tuesday 19th March 7.00pm [Several Priest available]

**Tenebrae** Tuesday 26th March 7.00pm

**Wednesday** 27th March Mass 9.30am

**Holy Thursday** 28th March No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.00pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

**Good Friday 29th March** No Morning Mass

Stations of the Cross 10.00am in the Church

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm:Church,

School Hall & Parish Hall

**Holy Saturday 30th March** No morning Mass, Holy Hour or Reconciliation.

Easter Vigil 7.30pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

**Easter Sunday 31st March**

Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April**

**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

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY** will be selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses as a fundraiser leading up to the Conference.

**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/>

**EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION AT “EQUIPPED FOR MISSION:** Answering the call to ‘Go Make Disciples’” hosted by OLHC parish. Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O’Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Participate in interactive workshops led by Barb Conlon, Catholic Engagement Specialist at Alpha Australia. Equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Reserve your spot today and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community. Saturday, April 13, 2024. 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/EquippingForMission/572688>

**The Recently Deceased:** Anne Houben, Nalini Raj, KV Joseph, Naureen Norico

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Connie McVicar, Fr Walter O’Connor, Sr Asuntha, Aileen & Tony Decouta, Margaret & Horace D’Rosario, Michale Hankins, Dagma & Kingston D’Silva, Jovito Villarente, Miguela Villarente, Joseph Crasto, Ben Manuel, Christian Tranquille, Eppie Casimero, Gomes family, D’Cruz family, Kerelea Guiao, Linus Johnson, Ann, Heather Duyvestyn, Fr Alexis Dunlop, Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joseph Daly,

**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.*

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**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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| **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 |
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| **23rd & 24th March 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Childrens Choir | A Hughes, M Cincotta, R Clarke |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | R Beloso, P Joseph |
| **9.00am** | Y Prasetyo | J Raudino, A Dam, S Spaull |
| **10.45am** | R D’Mello | R Samson, Reanne D’Mello, T Nyerenyere |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | A Ulu, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | P Dam, T Dam, J McLean |

**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](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:** 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>

***fifth sunday of lent, 17th march 2024***

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, `Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. ***R.***

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. ***R.***

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners my return to you. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, `Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

`Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, `I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, `It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, `It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread.… … …