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***St Agatha's Parish***

 ***Cranbourne***



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# 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 & 7.00pm

**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 Thursday: 8.30am - 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 after 9.30am Mass

**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.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Year B**

**12th May 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**

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!**

**My Dear Parishioners,** greetings to you all.

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating Mother’s Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us can return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. We offer this Sunday Eucharistic celebration for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward.

Remember that a Christian has two mothers: On Mother’s Day, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers.

Heavenly Father may all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in heaven. Amen

Fr Prabhu will be celebrating his 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 20th May. Parishioners are invited to join him after Mass for morning tea in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Building Committee: I wish to form a Building Committee for our church. The primary purpose of this committee will be to oversee the future development and maintenance of our church building and its premises. The committee will work closely with the finance council to prioritise and plan for any necessary renovations, repairs, or improvements to our church building. We are looking for parishioners with experience in architecture, construction, and other related fields. If you are interested in joining the Building Committee or know someone who would be a valuable addition, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church community.

May God Bless you all.

Fr. Antony Rebelo

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office is temporarily operating from Providence House during renovations. Staff can still be contacted by phone on 5996 1985 or visiting Providence House on the corner of 135 Sladen and Scott Street.

**SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:** As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

**“WHY DO WE HAVE SAFEGUARDING?”** It is to create awareness for potential signs of abuse and neglect. The absence of safeguarding policies could lead to: -

- Abuse and neglect being missed.

- An increase in abuse cases.

- Vulnerable people not being treated with compassion or empathy.

- A complete loss of dignity and autonomy for vulnerable adults."

**RCIA MEETING:** A follow up meeting will be held for newly Baptised and those received into the Church this Wednesday 15th May in the Parish Hall.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION:** A training session for new altar servers will be held on Thursday 20th June from 5.00pm to 6.00pm in the church.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** will be available for collection from next weekend. Thank you to all those who have contacted the parish office to change toDirect Debit or Credit Card. If you wish to make any changes, please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

**BULLETIN NOTICE FOR TRINITY FAMILIES MAY 2024 APPEAL:** *SPECIAL COLLECTION* will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 18th & 19th May. Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year. He said “As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area.”

Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the May 2024 Appeal by donating. Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church foyer from this weekend.

**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.

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE – BIBLE STUDIES** Join us on a transformative journey through the pages of Scripture as we delve deep into the heart of God's Word. Led by renowned teacher Jeff Cavins, this enlightening study will unlock the mysteries of the Bible, revealing its profound truths and timeless wisdom.

**Dates:** May 19th to July 14th **Time:** Every Sunday from 4:00 pm to 5:30pm **Venue:** Parish Hall. Bible study workbook can be purchased through the Parish office. Discover the coherence of the Bible and its relevance to your life today. Whether you're new to Scripture or have studied it for years, this study promises to deepen your understanding and enrich your faith journey. Please register by contacting the Parish office on (03) 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au
**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN 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/>

**VFL MEETING:** Once a Month onTuesday at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life.

**FATIMA TO LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Mary and the Saints Pilgrimage from the Anniversary celebrations in Fatima, through Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes and Montserrat. Accompanied by Fr Denis O’Bryan Commencing Monday 10 September 2024, 10 nights, 11 days. Bookings and enquiries harvest Journeys 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com/ms](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/ms)

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** Sign up for one of 9 online sessions. Engaging Your Faith May 2024 Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from $25 per session. For more information and to register: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

**DIVINE KIDS’ DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT:** Ages 5-15 Saturday May 25th & Sunday May 26th 9:00am to 3:30pm. Holy Family Church Hall. 100 Power Rd, Doveton. Food provided, enrolment necessary. [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au)

**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:** Silvia Ambros, Sr. Theresa Nezan SON, June Ranasinghe [Sri Lanka], Navini Ranasinghe [Canada]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Michael Hankins, Michael Changtie, Helen Dolinar, Beryl Dorothy Francis, Erlinda Pendijito, Rita Spink, Mila Sacro, Roco Barca [1st], Flore Aldon, Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Mg James (Jim) O’Mara, Nelson Batica

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

 Benedict Thomas, Faith Lynch, Margaret Beadle

*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 – Pentecost Sunday Gen 11:1-9 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

**ST. AGATHA’S YOUTH GROUPS**

**Invictus (18+)** youth meeting: 5th May

12-2 in the parish hall

**Invigorate (12+)** youth meeting: 19th May

12-2:30 in the parish hall

**Movie night:** 24th May 7-9pm in the parish hall

**ST. AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE**

 **MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1st Friday of the Month



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| **11th & 12th May 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | M Vechoorettu, R Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | J Gunn | M Dam, J Raudino, A Dam |
| **10.45am** | Volunteer | A Ortencio, L Gillespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu |
| **6.00pm** | R Howell | J Connell, E Clinch, Volunteer |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  |  |
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| **18th & 19th May 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | L Lim | D Grace, M Cincotta |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu |
| **9.00am** | P Joseph | S Spaull, I Lemalu, M Nieuwesteeg |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | R Samson, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | J MacDonald, A John, J D’Souza |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  |  |

**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

**INVICTUS [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.

 <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>

***the ascension of the lord, 12th MAY 2024***

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. `It is,' he had said `what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, `Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, `It is not for you to know the times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, `Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

1. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. ***R.***

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. ***R.***

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. ***R.***

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity

of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners he gave gifts to men. When it says, ‘he ascended’, what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, `Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death … … …

