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***St Agatha's Parish***

 ***Cranbourne***



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# 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**

***Facebook Live:*** <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>

# Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9.30am - Live Streamed
**Wednesday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.00pm

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed & 7.30pm

**Saturday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

 **Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday & 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. Please check in with the Victorian QR code app on arrival.

**Healing Mass** Suspended

**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 Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

 **Marriages**

6 months’ notice requested

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**27th March 2022**

#### 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

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Abutu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Stanly Devasia

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Mary Olofu,

Sr. Faustina Ede & Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safe Guarding 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

**Deputy Principal:** Liam Doherty

# St Therese’s Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

 Cranbourne North

****5996 7525

**Principal:** Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

# 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:** We continue to pray for peace between Ukraine & Russia and in the world.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Michelle Bruitzman has been appointed as Principal to St Agatha’s Primary School. Michelle is currently the Principal at St Therese’s Primary School and will bring her broad range of teaching and leadership experience. Michelle will assume the principalship following the appointment of a Principal to St Therese’s Primary School.

The Hours of Grace 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration begins on 2nd April for 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration until 9th April. Extra evening Mass will be celebrated during this time on Tuesday to Friday. To spend some time with Jesus in prayer, please place your name on the sheets in the foyer.

Parish Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm several priests available.

Please continue to pray for the Children making their First Reconciliation this week.

To mark the first phase of the diocesan consultation period for the synod of Bishops, Bishop Greg is inviting parishioners to a Diocesan gathering to celebrate. “Let’s Walk together Diocesan Celebration” 1st May 2022, St Kieran’s Church, 2 Wirraway St, Moe. 2.00pm Liturgy followed by afternoon tea.

This Sunday the RCIA Elect and Candidates will be participating in the Second Scrutiny at 9.00am this weekend. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we are challenged with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole Parish Community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God’s help. The weekend Gospel readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent will be taken from Year A at the 9.00am Mass only.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Matilda & Arlo Ellis, children of Sebastian & Tayla, Ariana Whaler, child of Aiden & Marian, Hartley Blackedge, child of Jason & Jayde, Isla-Rose O’Hara, child of Brendan & Allyssa, Sebastian Thomson, child of Craig & Lilian, Ziggi Puts, child of Mark & Kristy, Alyssa Schwallie, child of Mark & Annalese and Dominic Skoblar, child of David & Melissa.

**CHOIR LEADERS MEETING:** Will be held for all Choir Leaders on Saturday 9th April 12noon in the Church. Please save this date.

**OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend 2nd & 3rd April. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank Fr Joseph, Fr Stanly, the Sisters, office staff and parishioners for all the prayers, Masses get well wishes during my time in hospital and surgery. I am sure that it helped so much with my surgery and recovery. Kind regards Gus Spierings

**LECTORS & MUSIC MINISTRY:** The Gospel Readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent will be taken from **Year A at the 9.00am Mass only.**

**PALMS:** Do you have suitable trees at home and are you able to assist in supplying the parish withpalms for Palm Sunday? The palms will be blessed for parishioners to take home. Please contact Sr Victoria at the Parish Office on 5996 1985

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS:** Would you like to volunteer as a RE Catechist? Classes are held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Experienced Catechists and new member welcome. For more information contact Sr Victoria on 59961 985

**CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked “Flowers” Thank you.

**PIANO:** Grandiola Stems-Dresden Piano free for pick up. If you are interested, please contact Des on 0400 854 572

**DIVINE KIDS**: Walk with Jesus to Calvary, Lenten Retreat for children, 9th & 10th April 10.00am to 3.00pm Holy Family Church, big hall, 100 Power Rd, Doveton. Enrolment required, food provided. To enrol visit [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au) or 0468 858 534

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. To donate visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> or by calling 1800 024 413

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up for theHoly Land Commissariat at the Good Friday 3.00pm ceremony.

**ACRATH: *Pope Francis said: “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”*** Not all chocolate is sweet. Not if a child has been forced to pick the cocoa beans - a key ingredient of chocolate.

*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: St. Joseph: Mary: The Mother of God

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mary-the-mother-of-god>

For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

**ST. THERESE’S COMMUNITY HUB:** Invite you ONSITE to the following FREE activities in our wonderful new Community Hub space**.** You may attend any or all of these great programs and they will provide you with the opportunity to connect, share and learn which is what our Community Hub is all about!

 Feel free to bring along family and friends. The Community Hub is located behind the chapel.

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend by emailing me plloyd@sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au or just phone the school on 59967525.
Looking forward to welcoming you to: Playgroup for Parents and Children aged 0-5 years is on every Friday at 9:15**.**

Coffee and Chat is on every Tuesday at 9:00 am. Come along, bring your friends and family and share a cuppa and a chat.

English Class with Child Minding Available, is on every Wednesday at 9:30am - 11:30am. Beginner’s welcome!

Computer Class is on every Thursday at 9:30am. Beginner’s welcome**!**

**ST. AGATHA’S PARISH - HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES**

**Thursday 7th April 7.00pm** - Parish Reconciliation [Several Priest available]

**Tuesday 12th April No Mass** - Chrism Mass Sale Cathedral

**Tuesday 12th April 7.30pm -** Tenebrae

**Wednesday 13th April** Mass 9.30am

**Holy Thursday 14th April** 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 15th April** Morning Prayer 9.00am

 Stations of the Cross 10.30am [St Agatha’s School Oval]

 Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm: in the
 Church, Live Streamed to Parish Hall & St. Agatha’s School Hall

**Holy Saturday 16th April** No morning Mass or Holy Hour

Easter Vigil 7.00pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

**Easter Sunday 17th April** Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday** 24th April 10.45am Mass

**JOB VACANCY:** YOUTH MINISTER @ OLHC PARISH, NARRE WARREN – We are looking to employ a Youth Minister for 12 hours a week on an initial 12 month contract. Ideally the successful applicant should have previous experience in youth leadership and demonstrate a commitment to the Catholic Faith. There is a possibility of the role being shared between 2 successful applicants. The aim of the position is to bring increased life and faith to the various parish youth groups, whilst encouraging full involvement in the community life of the parish. Suitable applicants can forward their resume via email olhc@olhc.org.au addressed to The Parish Priest. Application closes at 3.00pm on Monday, 4th April 2022. For a copy of the Position Description, please contact the Parish Office via olhc@olhc.org.au or call 9704 7935.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:** Offering Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius de Loyola with limited places.

• Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts. This is an inclusive and contemporary retreat that has the same dynamic seasons as that of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola written in the early sixteenth century.

This has limited places so please book in early.

• Spiritual Direction

 Please contact either Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

***COVID SAFETY:***

**IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.**

**FACE COVERINGS:** Are not mandatory but are recommended if you cannot physically distance.

**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**



**The Recently Deceased:** Innocent Idu Abutu, Beryl La’touche, Constancio Araujo

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Thelma Williams, Dagma & Kingston DeSilva, Tina Butera, Robert Taylor, Clarente Reveiro, Annakutty Verkey, Grace Algar, Heather Fernandes.

**Those who are sick:** Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Gerry Shafton, Cynthia Leonard

*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 – 5th Sunday of Lent C Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Yr A Ezk 37;12-14; Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11;1-45

**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 March 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Childrens Choir | L Lim, M Sutherland, R Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | R Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | J Gunn | K Parrocho, J Raudino, R Alejandro |
| **10.45am** | E Mandividza | K Johnson, M Gambin, A Ortencio |
| **6.00pm** | Volunteer | E Clinch, A Malia Ulu, E Abraham |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R David, J Laufou, M Laufou |
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| **2nd & 3rd April 2022** | **Lector** | **RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | M Parrocho, M Cincotta, A Hughes |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | M Soni |
| **9.00am** | P Spierings | R Daly, T Dam, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | R D’Mello | M D’Costa, L Gillespie, L Fosio |
| **6.00pm** | J Macdonald | Y Prasetyo, C Joseph, J Connell |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Thomas, A Estrada, R Estrada |
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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.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985

## AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**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: Petelo 0435 118 132

**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

**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

**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

**PLAYGROUP**: For COVID safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

**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 has an APP that is available from the ‘**APP STORE**’ and the ‘**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>

***4th sunday of lent, 27th MARCH 2022***

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

1. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ***R.***

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. ***R.***

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. ***R.***

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial acclamation

When we eat this Bread… … …