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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**

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

# Weekday Mass Times - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Monday:** 9:30am

**Tuesday** 9:30am  **Wednesday:** 9:30am & 1:30pm Funeral Mass

**Thursday: 8:00am** & 7:00pm

**Friday:** 9:30am

**Saturday:** 9:30am

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

**Marriages**

6 months’ notice requested

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Year A**

**4th December 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](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

**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 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

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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**

**ST. AGATHA’S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS TIMETABLE**

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Tuesday 20th December 7.00pm Several Priest available

**No Reconciliation:** Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd December

**Christmas Eve: 6.00pm** – Family Mass, **8.00pm, 10.00pm** & **Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)

**Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am “NO EVENING MASS”**

**New Year’s Eve: 6.00pm and 11.00pm**

**New Year’s Day: 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am “NO EVENING MASS”**

**Dear Parishioners,** in preparation for Christmas due to the large numbers attending Masses, we need volunteers to help with different tasks. If you are able to help please place your name and number on the clipboard in the foyer.

Our parish feast day will be celebrated on the 12th February 2023 in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary as a parish at the 10.45am Mass, followed by our cultural luncheon at St Agatha’s School Hall. Clipboards will be available next weekend.

**ADVENT RECONCILATION:** St Agatha’s Parish 20th Dec at 7.00pm. Reconciliation will not be celebrated before Christmas on the ***23rd and 24th December*** and will resume on the 13th January 2023.

13th Dec St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, 14th Dec St Michaels, Berwick, 15th Dec St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde, 21st Dec St Patricks, Pakenham, 22nd Dec Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Elena Lumbes-Ng Child of Ian & Pauline, Sienna Alessandrino Child of Alfio & Shantelle, Amy Clements Child of Jeremy & Kristyn, Margaret Jardeleza Child of Christopher & Jena

**ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Invitations have been emailed, please complete the consent form and return to the parish office as your RSVP.

**ST AGATHA’S YOUTH:** Christmas Party today Sunday 4th December Parish Hall 12noon to 3.00pm.

**OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend 10th & 11th December. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:** The parish office will be closed from 22nd December and reopens on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

**ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Michael Manuel, at 7.00pm Mass Friday 16th December 2022 at St Michaels Berwick. RSVP by Monday 12th December 2022 via the Trybooking App using the link for the Ordination Mass [www.trybooking.com/991137](http://www.trybooking.com/991137) and if attending the fellowship and refreshments after the Ordination Mass please use the link [www.trybooking.com/991145](http://www.trybooking.com/991145)

**ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL:** Our Conference will again be distributing Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children 0-14 years of age. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them in the baskets on the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE:** Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au)

**FLOOD EMERGENCY IN VICTORIA:** SVDP have been conducting a Flood Appeal which you may wish to support. You may wish to consider taking up a leaving collection or if appropriate, offer the opportunity for parishioners to donate via the SVDP online portal. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY- 2023:** For more than 30years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. The major events of World Youth Day include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you are interested, and know more about the pilgrimage, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha’s parish hall, Cranbourne (129 Sladen Street) on 12th December at 7pm. You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on [avinash.george@cdsale.org.au](mailto:avinash.george@cdsale.org.au) or 03 59971510.

**USED BIBLES:** Do you have any Bibles that you are no longer using. A parishioner is helping a charity in Fiji “Missionary Families of Christ” that is donating bibles to the catholic poor and to jail inmates who want to read the word of God. If you can donate a Bible, please leave it at the Parish Office.

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**CANTEEN MANAGER - ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY** (Commencing 2023) Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the part-time, ongoing position, Monday and Wednesday 9:00AM - 2:30PM (FTE 0.27) of Canteen Manager to commence 30th January 2023. This is a Category B Level 2 position under the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited Schools and Secretariat Agreement 2022. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children. Please contact the school office for the detailed position description.

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***Go to our parish website at***

[**https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html**](https://stagathas.org.au/item/21-formed-gift-subscription.html)

***on how to join and logon with the parish code: 2QKKNB***

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**This week: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2>

The successful applicant will be subject to a Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check. How to apply: Applicants are invited to email a cover letter and updated resume with three referees to the Office Manager – Janine Scrivener via [jscrivener@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jscrivener@stacbourne.catholic.edu.au) **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE DIOCESAN DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER:** (Part Time 4 Days per fortnight) The Diocese of Sale is seeking to appoint an experienced Digital Media Officer on a part time basis of 4 days per fortnight (0.4 FTE) to assist with the continued development of our Diocese’s social media presence and website. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager.

Key responsibilities will include sharing the good news from within our Diocese and from outside sources by way of social media and our websites through periodic new stories; ensuring our website is up to date and easy to access; co-ordinating video messages from our Bishop; and networking and collaborating with our parishes, Catholic Education and other agencies in respect of the Diocese’s digital content management.

The appointee is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale. A high level of professionalism, initiative and superior communication skills are required in this key role. Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant information is available. Please email [hr@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:hr@sale.catholic.org.au) to receive this pack.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH:** Event display: Monday 5th Dec 2022 to Friday, 13 January 2023. St Elizabeth’s Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes all to come over to view the traditional nativity scene. This event is open to everyone. FREE and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parent. Viewing time: After mass times and any other time by appointments only (Visitors take prior appointments to view the display). Contacts: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office) <http://www.australiannativityscene.org> <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia>

**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:** Lise Donaldson,Marie Therese Hervet [Mauritius]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fr Frank Young, Fr Patrick O’Donohue, Crispina Barosso, Lyndon Vaughan, Louise Stowers, Barbara Dalgado, Joseph Angello, Charlotte D’Souza, Selina Lee [1st], Fr Benny Konooran, Leon Gambin, Margaret & Des Howe, Dorothy Phillips, Syil Phillips, deceased members of Nanette & Fitzgerald family, Cynthia Rebiero, Sirinimal Adikari

**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, Connie McVicar, Max King, Philip Sgroi

*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.*

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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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| **3rd & 4th Dec 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | R D’Mello, R Holsinger, C Tyminski |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | T Heldt, L Louis |
| **9.00am** | J Gunn | M Nieuwesteeg, G Nelson, R Alejandro |
| **10.45am** | L Gillespie | M Gambin, E Mandividza, A Ortencio |
| **6.00pm** | M Auvale | B Evans, E Clinch, A Ulu |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R David, J Laufou, M Laufou |
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| **10th & 11th Dec 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | L Lim | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | M Vechoorettu, M Soni |
| **9.00am** | J Raudino | T Dam, M Dam, A Dam |
| **10.45am** | S Laufou | L Gillespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu |
| **6.00pm** | Y Prasetyo | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
| **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

**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 or Divine 0427 706 498

**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](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 Sr Mary 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP**: Resumes in February 2023. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**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>

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future.

 <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.

***2nd Sunday of advent, 4th December 2022***

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra’s hole; into the viper’s lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as the signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king’s son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. ***R.***

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth’s bounds. ***R.***

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor***.***  ***R.***

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. ***R.***

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that

united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: `Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, `Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread … … …