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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 - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday: 8.00am** - 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 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 Church. [Information Session Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

 **Marriages**

6 months’ notice requested.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Year A**

**26th November 2023**

#### 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 Joseph Abutu

**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,** due to the Christmas holidays, I will return on our parish feast day on the 4th February 2024 for my official farewell.

We thank Fr Herman for his assistance over the last several weeks.

Please note Mass this Thursday will be celebrated at 8.00am as the Priests of the Diocese will be attending an Advent Retreat.

The Parish has purchased a new car for the Sisters use to replace the car the belonged to Fr Andrew one or our previous parish priests.

There have been two incidents in the Church last weekend. The Sacristy door will be locked during Mass to stop anyone entering during ceremonies. The Sacristy will be strictly off limits to all, except the Sacristans. One of the offenders has also taken Stewardship envelopes from the foyer table. Please keep on your guard for anything suspicious, due to breach of privacy. A purple chasuble, microphone, two sets of walkie talkies, keys to the sound cupboard and an altar server cross. Police have been informed. We do have security footage of the offender.

I would encourage as many parishioners as possible to consider this option of giving due to the increased costs of Stewardship Envelopes and postage. Please contact Tina or Nona for assistance.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME A CHILDREN OF GOD:** Rhaya Nanayakkara Child of Dilusha & Natalie, Antonio Ah-Loe Child of Josiath & Lusia, Georgia Hirst Child of David & Shantelle, Emilia & Penelope Bellagamba Children of Michael & Stephanie, Aston Bellagamba Child of Elisa Bellagamba, Jace Francis Child of Rohan & Giovanna.

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriage. Claren Alvares & Paloma Rodrigues, Dilhana Sanderz & Amrinder Chopra and Rachel MacDonald & Andrew Mackay.

**YOUTH BBQ:** The Youth will be hosting a sausage sizzle for sale after Mass 9.00am and 10.45am Masses this weekend.

**RCIA:** Parishioners are invited to collect a prayer card from the foyer for our RCIA Catechumens and candidates.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Christmas break up Friday 8th December from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. Rosters and Invitations have been emailed during the week. Please RSVP by 1st December parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER ROSTERS** have been emailed this week. Copies are available from the Church foyer.

**GROUNDS & GARDENING:** We thank all the volunteers who are currently giving of their time to help with gardening and mowing. We invite you to join as a volunteer next year, as some members are in their 80’s and are unable to continue for much longer. All volunteers require a current Working with Children Card and a signed Parish Code of Conduct. We require volunteers for mowing, general cleaning up and gardening, also help needed building a retaining wall near the baby memorial garden. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office.

**MASS FOR DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS:** Parishioners wishing to offer Masses for their family and friends can use a November Offering envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the second collection.

**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.

**YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT** and Christmas break up will be held on Friday 15th December from 6.30pm to 9.00pm in the parish hall.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** meetings Mondays at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Join us!

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:** Thank you to the parishioners who have responded to our request regarding giving to Stewardship via Direct Debit. I would invite as many parishioners as possible to consider this option of giving due to the increased costs of Stewardship Envelopes and postage. Please contact Tina or Nona for assistance. We thank you for your financial support of St Agatha's Parish. Parishioners in the Stewardship program are reminded to collect their new envelopes and statement from the Church foyer, names are filed in Alphabetical order. For those giving by Credit Card or Direct Debit ***emails will be sent out once the computer glitch is rectified.*** If you have any queries or wish to make any changes, please contact Tina or Nona in the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

**ADVENT GROUP:** A Advent Group will be meeting Thursday mornings at 10.30am please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE 527:** could you please contact the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** St Agatha’s Parish Christmas Carols, Saturday 16th December 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Family picnic at 6.30pm BYO food and chairs. St Agatha’s School Oval, BYO battery candle. ***Volunteers needed as ushers, car park attendants, stage setup and dismantle,*** if you are available to assist, please contact the parish office.

**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.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH. Monday, 4 December 2023 to Friday, 12 January 2024.  St Elizabeth’s Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North.** Come along to watch Australia’s well-renowned and the largest traditional nativity scene display in its **20th year on display** at St. Elizabeth’s Parish in Dandenong North.  **Display is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. FREE** and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parents. **Viewing time:**    After mass times and any other time by appointments only (**Visitors take prior appointments to view the display**) Contact: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> **|** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity\_scene#In\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene%23In_Australia)

**MARY’S ADVENT JOURNEY:** Journey with Mary in her response to God’s call. Become aware of God’s presence this Advent. Four Thursdays 30th Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec Tow time options 10.30am or 7.00pm.Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Narre Warren. Bookings via Parish office 9704 7935 or olhc@olhc.org.au

**BLESSING OF THE GROTTO:** Parishioners are invited to joinIn honour of St Francis of Xavier & The blessing of the Grotto of Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace. St Francis Xavier parish Frankston on Saturday 9th December 6.00pm Mass with Archbishop Comensoli, blessing of Grotto followed by supper. Please bring plate to share.

**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:** Sonia Singh, Margaret Jongen, Patricia Silva

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Oscar Santineer, For the Souls in Purgatory, Des & Margaret Howe, Carmelo & Mattia Molino, Nicola & Grazia Rechchi, Lionel Jayakody, members of the Rosenfield and Pallada families, Istvan Zavarko,Celestine, Maryanne & Elisabeth Maru, Matoa Iaveta, Rite & Gabriel Cuthers, Pati, Sia, Louis & Louise Stowers, James, Jean & Christopher Maxwell, Sale Ah Sio, George Phillips, Una Williams, Lise Donaldson 1st, Luis Munbode, Molino Orazio, Deanna Nelson, Lilly Liveiro, Fr Gerald Byrne

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

*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 Advent Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

**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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| **25th & 26th November 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Children’s Choir | A Hughes, A Simmons, M Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | C Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | P Joseph | T Dam, G Nelson, M Nieuwesteeg |
| **10.45am** | J Gunn | L Caballero, K Johnson, M Gambin |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | J D’Souza, C Joseph, E Clinch |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | K Jolly, C Di Pietro, V Bucello |
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| **2nd & 3rd December 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | H Guerra | B Evans, K Parrocho, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | P & L Joseph |
| **9.00am** | J Raudino | R Alejandro, A Dam, S Spaull |
| **10.45am** | A D’Mello | R D’Mello, R D’Mello, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **6.00pm** | R Howell | A Ulu, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham |
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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
**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 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: 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>

***Christ the king, 26th NOVEMBER 2023***

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

responsorial psalm

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. ***R.***

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. ***R.***

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ***R.***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. ***R.***

second reading

1Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subjected in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessing on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on the throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me". And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour… … …