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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 & 1.00pm Funeral Mass - In the Church  **Wednesday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

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

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

**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.

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**23rd July 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 Administrator:** Rev. Fr Peter Kooloos

**Residing Priest:** Rev. Fr Paul Zaher

**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

**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,** Today the Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. Pope Francis established the celebration in 2021, near the liturgical memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The theme this year is "His mercy is from age to age emphasising the significance of dialogue with young people. This day invites reflection and support for the elderly, urging pastoral action and societal attention. Aligned with the World Youth Day in Lisbon, it fosters intergenerational dialogue and contemplation of God's mercy. Let us cherish and honour the elderly, seeking meaningful ways to restore their dignity in our communities.

**Prayer for the Third World Day**

**for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023**

Virgin Mary,

Mother of faith and hope,

an example for this humanity bent by indifference,

make me as willing as You

to accept the will of God,

to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,

you who knows my heart,

do not allow me to become discouraged.

I confidently surrender my life into your hands.

Heal my wounds.

May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love,

brings us to experience the joy

of seeing our families united.

Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God

to the grandchildren and youth

so that, in addition to praying for them,

we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:

sustain my weakness;

breathe into my heart the consolation

that I may leave traces of faith among the young,

bearing witness to the beauty of life,

knowing that life has a limit

and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS:** This weekend the WYD pilgrims Gabrielle, Dominic, Jeremy, Danielle, Elizabeth, Tj, Megan, Beatrice & Gary will be commissioned at 10.45am Mass. We also wish Fr Paul & Fr Joseph all the best as they also will be attending WYD. The Youth will be speaking at all Masses to thank all the parishioners for their support and prayers.

**SR VICTORIA** will be representing our Community at our General Chapter. She will be leaving this Tuesday 25th July for1 month. The Chapter is a process of renewal for our Congregation, held every 5 years. Please keep us all in your prayers.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Lann Gonzales Child of Jann & Myan, Henry Presutto Child of James & Renata.

**FUNERAL MASSES** for Mrs Anne Hermans at St Agatha’s this Tuesday 25th July at 1.00pm.

**PRAYER PETITIONS:** St Agatha’s parish WYD pilgrims will be travelling to the shrine in Fatima. As pilgrims on the journey, they ask for your prayer intentions that they can take them in prayer through their spiritual path, through to Fatima and World Youth Day. Prayer for them, ask them to pray for you and offer to carry your and their prayer intentions on your pilgrimage. A petition box will be available in the Church foyer for you to place your prayer petitions. Please use the paper slips provided thank you.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Wednesday 26th July at 7.00pm. Parents need to attend only One session (no need to bring your child). Note that this night will be a combined Information Night and Parent workshop. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

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

**MOVE NIGHT:** “LIFEMARK” based on a true story. Friday 15th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. **SAVE THE DATE**

**SVDP FOOD DONATION BIN:** “Donating food is a practical way to help people going through a tough time.” A food donation bin has been placed in the Church foyer for non-perishable food items for the St Vincent de Paul, Cranbourne Conference. Please donate non-perishable food items before their expiry date or within 6 months of the ‘best before’ date.

**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.

**VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, MELBOURNE LED BY FR. ROJAN GEORGE VC**: Healing Mass every First Thursday of the month, please join us at St Agatha’s Parish for 6:30pm Rosary,

***Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners!***

***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***

***Every week - Formed highlight different content.***

***This week: The Freedom of Forgiveness***

[**https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-freedom-of-forgiveness-w-sr-miriam-james-solt-and-fr-john-burns-seek23**](https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-freedom-of-forgiveness-w-sr-miriam-james-solt-and-fr-john-burns-seek23)

7pm Praise & Worship, 7:15pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Healing Prayers. For more Information – Ramesh & Bernie 0433 549 167 /0425717556 /0466631130 or email vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

**MYSTERY AND MISSION – THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION:** Calling all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, and campus ministers. The 2023 National Conference will be held in Brisbane on September 28-30. Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

**UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY: Mid-year enrolments enquiry for classes commencing on July 31. More information: 9890 3771 or** [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **More information and Applications Forms**are available on our website [www.pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://www.pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship) **Closing Date 4 August 2023.**

**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.

**A VOICE TO PARLIAMENT:** A message from Bishop Charles Gauci of Darwin “As Australians we are at a very important time reflecting on the Voice to Parliament. I will not tell anyone how to vote, but it is my responsibility as Bishop to encourage you all to be reflective in the light of our faith and Catholic Social Teachings: the Common Good and the Dignity of all People.” Visit <https://indigenousvoice.church/>

**YOUTH EVENT:** JESUS, Pizza & Praise!!: Calling all Youth! Join us for an exciting night of praise & worship, powerful youth testimonies, healing Mass, inspiring music, FREE pizza & supper! For youth aged 13-35 years, however all are welcome! Sunday 6th August, 4.30pm – 7.30pm at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North, 5 Fiorelli Blvd Cranbourne East. Don’t forget to scan the QR code for your FREE pizza! Please note that all youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult. Mass celebrated by Fr Francis Otobo & Fr Denis O’Bryan. For further enquiries please contact parish office 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au

**MARY MACKILLOP TODAY (MMT) DINNER:** Support small life changing projects by attending the MMT **Fundraising dinner on Friday 18 August 2023 @ Mount St Joseph’s College, Altona.**  Book here <https://www.mmhc.org.au/mary-mackillop-today-victorian-fundraising-dinner/> or contact Kate on 9926 9300. The guest speaker will be Jane Woolford CEO of Mary MacKillop Today via video. or make a donation <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate/> The funds raised in 2022 contributed to 2023 projects located <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/what-we-do/our-projects/grants/current-grantees/>



**The Recently Deceased:** Anne Hermans, Godwin Abutu, Robert Lopez [India], Matthew D’Souza [India], Sasi Dharan

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Trevine De Kauwe, Ernest Riener, Margaret Nowden, Christopher Johnson, Joseph Sandanasamy, Arnaud Le Merle, Jean Fabien 1st,Fr Denis O’Callaghan, Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr John O’Hea, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reginald Wilson, Fr Francis Feruga S. Chr.

**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, Kevin Hart, Max King, Philip Sgroi, Tony & Gerda Small, Catherine & Norman Hall, Richard Nathan, Carmela Rayburn

*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 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs3:5,7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

**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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| **22nd & 23rd July 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Childrens Choir | M Cincotta, R Clarke, A Simmons |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | L Louis, M Vechoorettu |
|  **9.00am** | R Alejandro | P & L Joseph, Y Prasetyo |
| **10.45am** | L Gillespie | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | I Lemalu, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A & R Simmons, J McLean |
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| **29th & 30th July 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | A Hughes, C D’Lima, M D’Costa |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | C Beloso |
| **9.00am** | J Gunn | C Gostimir, T Dam, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | S Laufou | L Caballero, K Johnson, M Gambin |
| **6.00pm** | I Lemalu | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | P & R Afaese, A Ulu |
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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: Sr Mary 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 Sr Mary 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP**: Tuesdays 9am -11am during school terms in St. Agatha’s Hall. Contact Sr Mary 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>

***16th sunday in ordinary time, 23rd July 2023***

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. ***R.***

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. ***R.***

But you, God of Mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26:27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us Saviour … … …

