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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:** 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 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.

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**19th 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,** I wish to thank all those who helped make Cent Night possible and all those who attended. It was wonderful night to join as a parish family and a great success.

This weekend all the parishes in the Diocese of Sale will focus on ***Shine A Light on Domestic Violence.*** Bishop Greg has released a video message, that will be played at all weekend Masses. You are invited to join us in prayer for those who are affected. A brochure outlining the Catholic Church's teachings on Separation, Divorce, and Annulment.

During November it is customary to pray for our deceased loved ones. Please place their names Cross in the Church for prayers during November.

Parishioners wishing to offer Masses for their family and friends can use a November Offering envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the second collection.

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.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME A CHILDREN OF GOD:** Francis Omond Child of Cain & Susan, Jakara De Silva Child of Shehan & Kanjawa, Ezekiel Young Child of Godfrey & Mary, Ethan Ward Child of Terance & Rosa, Quinn Barrozo Child of Celedonio & Limbani, Caden Sabang Child of Dennis & Catherine, Noah Caysido Child of Jeric & Rosette.

**GROUNDS & GARDENING:** We thank all the volunteers who are currently giving of their time to help with gardening and mowing. We need more than nice comments, how lovely the grounds are looking. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:** 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend to support the Military Ordinariate.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Christmas break up Friday 8th December from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. For those who did not receive their invitation at the Altar servers meeting. Invitations have been emailed this week.

**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.

**BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** We are in need of babies and their parents to help dress up as the Holy Family during the gospel at our Christmas Masses. If you are able to help at this special time please contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** ***Volunteers needed as ushers, car park attendants, stage setup and dismantle,*** if you are available to assist, please contact the parish office. 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.

**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.

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

**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)

**BISHOP GREG INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION:** At the Abbey, Raymond Island, on Thursday 23rd November from 10.00am until 3.30pm (morning tea available from 9.30am). $25 pp RSVP for catering on 5156 6580 or infor@theabbey.org.au

**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

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: <https://aidtochurch.org/notw>

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** We are called to be children of light not darkness. Today our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Pray for its end and find out what you can do by reading the resources available at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>
**HARKAWAY HILLS COLLEGE** is excited to invite you to their inaugural Christmas Maker’s Market. With over 50 stallholders showcasing an array of goods, you can get your Christmas shopping done while enjoying live music, art exhibitions and culinary delights from food stalls and trucks. This event promises to be a delightful evening for the whole family. Date: Saturday 25th November Time: 4PM - 9PM Venue: Harkaway Hills College, 20 A'Beckett Road, Narre Warren North **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:** Jasmine George, Elma Lim, Colleen Reeves [India], Nora Connelly [Ireland]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fr Edward O’Malley, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Fr Raymond Alphonse (Tim) McInnes, Mgr William Caffrey, Emeila Pascual, Maria Van Den Eynden, PV Francis, Rev Fr Faustin John Pinto, Savreen Pinto, Jacob Stephen, Brian Croagh, Ranjela & Kinsley Pinto, Wilbert Jayasuriya, Franca & Antonio Casella, Reginald Besterwitch, Margaret Jongen, Margaret Nowden, Provicda Lina Gregoria,

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

*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 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezek 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

**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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| **18th & 19th November 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | D Grace, M Cincotta, R Clarke |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | L Joseph, M Vechoorettu |
|  **9.00am** | J Gunn | Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir, I Lemalu |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | S Lucas, N Atulia, Volunteer |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Abraham, J Mac Donald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R & C Beloso, M Rodrigues |
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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 | M 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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 **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>

***33rd sunday of the year, 19th NOVEMBER 2023***

**FIRST READING**  Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.***R***

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. ***R.***

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. ***R.***

**SECOND READING** Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about the 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to the darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now, a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sewn and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread… … …