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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 & Live Streamed & 7.30pm

**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 Friday: 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. Next Baptism Information Session held on Sunday 28th January, 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.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**25th February 2024**

#### 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 Antony Rebelo

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Prabhu Antony

**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](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**

**Dear parishioners,** as from this week Mass will be celebrated every Friday evening at 7.00pm. During Lent at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Rene Gaspard Child of Jean & Chantelle.

**CASUAL POSITION VACANT – Assistant Parish Gardening and Maintenance Person** A casual position, currently offering three days a week, has become available based at St Agatha’s Parish, Cranbourne. This role is to provide assistance with the gardening and general maintenance work for the Parish grounds and properties. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stagaths.org.au by Friday 9th March 2024. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office via email or directly on 03 95996 1985.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS** are available for purchase from the Piety Stall for you to pray at home during Lent.

**THE HOURS OF GRACE** begins on Saturday 16th March for 24 hours of Perpetual Adoration until 23rd March. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** Meeting this Wednesday 29th February 2024, 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Next Sunday the RCIA elect will participate in the Scrutinies in readiness for Easter. On the 3rd Sunday of Lent Elect are presented the Creed. The weekend Gospel readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent will be taken from Year A at the 9.00am Mass.

**SACRISTY:** Just a reminder that the Sacristy is exclusively for the Priest, Sacristan, Lector and Extraordinary Ministers.

**RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS** will be sold after weekend Masses this weekend.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please do not approach the Priest before Mass on with a request for a Mass intention, to avoid disappointment. Exceptions will be made for someone who has just passed away or become seriously ill suddenly. Please book through the parish office in advance, as you know the dates of birthdays, anniversary etc. Thank you.

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

**LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTER:** A new roster will be emailed during the week. Copies are available in the Church foyer next weekend.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. $2 or more are tax deductible. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

**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.

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** You are invited to join us on Thursday mornings after Mass at 10.30am in Providence House.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024:** Parent & Child Workshop Wednesday 6th March at 5.00pm or 7.00pm. Thursday 7th March at 7.00pm in the Church. Parents & child need to attend only one session.

**COME AND SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 on Sunday, 7th April 2024 at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Do you have an hour or two to spare? We require extraordinary ministers to help visiting the home bound parishioners would are unable to attend Mass but still would like a visit and to receive communion. If you can assist? Please contact the parish office or speak to Sr Victoria or Sr Faustina.

**PACKING BOXES:** The parish needs packing boxes. If you are able to assist, please contact the office on 59961985 thank you.

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Training for new Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors 18th April at 7.00pm in the Church, please save this date.

**VFL MEETING:** Tuesday at 10.30am in Providence House. We welcome any new members wishing to join us as a Voice for Life.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Are you able to assist with helping Junior RCIA? Classes every Saturday during school terms from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN** weekly meetings have resumed in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All Mother’s, Grandmother’s and Spiritual Mother’s Welcome! Any inquiries please contact Mary – 0417 391 298. Follow us on Facebook – Mothers who Pray for their Children/International or [www.motherswhoprayfortheirchildren](http://www.motherswhoprayfortheirchildren) on Instagram.

**FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE** come and experience ‘Mother’s who Pray for their Children’ at the Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne. Join us for insightful talks, live music, stalls and more. Secure your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1148763>

**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.

**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.

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**The Recently Deceased:** Naomi, Rapial Sepamalli, Rosina Scozzefave,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Nomer Mariquit, Sheela Anthony, Carlton Meyers, Michael Hankins, Domenico Agresta, Dsa & Christpher Families, Fr Dom Alves, Horace D’Rosario, Carlos Santin, Valerie Mendes, Desmond Kumar, Elino Lamig, Francesco Bruno, Gaetana Papa, Sarina Romano, Jimmy Anthony, Royslon Ireland, David Willatganuwa, Fr Daniel O’Shea, Fr John Shanley, Fr John Phelan,

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

*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.*

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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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| **24th & 25th February 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Childrens Choir | A Hughes, M Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | C & R Beloso |
| **9.00am** | P Joseph | Y Prasetyo, G Nelson, Volunteer |
| **10.45am** | I Lemalu | L Caballero, K Johnson, M Gambin, R D’Mello |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | J D’Souza, C Joseph, E Clinch |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | M/M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham |
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| **2nd & 3rd March 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | B Evans, K Parrocho, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | P & L Joseph |
| **9.00am** | J Raudino | R Alejandro, A Dam, S Spaull |
| **10.45am** | Reannne Dmello | S Lucas, N Atulia, L Caballero, K Johnson |
| **6.00pm** | R Howell | A Ulu, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | J Pasal, B Joseph, R D’Mello |

**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 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**AGAPE [Age 18+]:** Meet 1st 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](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 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>

***second sunday of lent, 25th February 2024***

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. `Abraham, Abraham' he called. `Here I am' he replied. `Take your son,' God said, `your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven `Abraham, Abraham' he said. `I am here' he replied. `Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. `Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. `I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. ***R.***

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. ***R.***

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. `Rabbi', he said `it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, `This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what `rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this Bread.… … …