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# 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**

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# 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: 8:00am** - 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.

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**15th October 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](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

**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,** The Junior RCIA will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance in the order of Catechumens at the 9.00am Mass today.

Please note Mass this Wednesday will be celebrated at 8.00am as I will be travelling to Warragul for a meeting.

The Facilitator of Synodality and Mission, for the Diocese of Sale has requested on the behalf of Bishop Greg to remind parishioners of the Calling for submission of Expressions of Interest New Diocesan Mission Council. Bishop Greg Bennet has announced the formation of the new Diocesan Mission Council (DMC) and invites the people of the Diocese to submit Expressions of Interest in becoming a member of the Council. Information about the DMC can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/dmc> Submissions close **Friday, 20th October 2023.** To submit an Expression of Interest, click on this link: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/dmc-eoi> Talk with your local priest if you have any questions or about your intention to put your name forward. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us all during this time of discernment and development.

Rosary and Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 5th November 2.00pm at the Cranbourne Cemetery.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:**  Beckett Reyes Child of Brendan & Allira, Everly McArdle Child of Thomas & Courtney, Kendra Santos Child of Josel & Lady, Lucia &Santiago Attwood Child of Brett & Neisi, Ella Davis Child of Travis & Lauren, Archer Sweeney Child of Michael & Melissa.

**WEDDING BELLS:** We congratulate Matalena Fuimaono & Jerome Fiti on their Marriage.

**ALTAR SERVERS** Training session will be held on Tuesday 24th October 2023 from 4.00pm-5.30pm in the Church.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** Will be meeting this Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday for Mission Sunday.Envelopes are available in the Church foyer if you wish to donate by credit card or QR code online.

**CATHOLIC MISSION**: With Timor-Leste’s fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week’s opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

**OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses 28th & 29th October. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

**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.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** If you are able to assist as an extraordinary minister at Christmas Clip boards will be available in the coming weeks or please contact Sr Victoria or the parish office.

**LOST AND FOUND:** A bunch of keys in the Church after Mass First Communion Mass on the 10th September and a bracelet after the Mother’s Who Pray function in the Parish Hall. Bracelet in carpark. Pair of lady’s cream sandals left in the parish hall a couple of months ago. Please contact the parish office.

**40 DAY FOR LIFE:** The 40 Day Prayer Vigil is starting again. St Agatha’s Voice for Life group will travel to Melbourne on Tuesday after 9.30am Mass to pray at the exclusion zone from 11.00am-12 noon.

**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.

**CENT NIGHT:** You are invited to join us for another fun filled to raise funds for the Church extension. Friday 10th November at 7.00pm, St Agatha’s School Hall. BYO food and drinks. Tea & Coffee provided. Please go to register online <https://forms.gle/87B9j9evsAjHZ3Fd9> or contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** Day program hosted by CCR-Sale Diocese together with Bishop Greg Bennet & Br. Lalith Perera, St Ita’s Catholic Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin, Saturday 21st October 10.45am to 4.00pm. Praise & Worship, Adoration, Mass, Healing Ministry. [www.risenlordcommunity.com.au](http://www.risenlordcommunity.com.au)

**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.

**COME & SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street. Berwick on Sunday, 15th October 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

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED- SAVE THE DATE:** 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: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

**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, 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](mailto:vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com)

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend** “Live Your Best Life in Love “Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: wwme.org.au  **LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:** We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**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:**

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Gemma, Bonaventure, Stephen & Maxcy D’Souza, Margaret D’Rosario, Aileen DeCouto, Henry Baad, Paily Paulo, Herbert & Ordelia Concessa, Edward & Shirely Moore, Sadanandan David, Pearl Wickremasinghe, Eugene Horne, Dudley Mills, Shainy Karumathay, Stephen Laurance, Paul & Therese Narayanan & Gangadhara Nair,Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O’Leary, Fr John Gavin, Fr John Davis, Fr Thomas Egan

**Those who are sick:** Otto Harris, Alwyn Magee, Jasmine George, 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.*

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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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| **14th & 15th October 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | A Simmons | M Parrocho, D Grace, M Cincotta |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | M Vechoorettu, C Beloso |
| **9.00am** | H Guerra | P & L Joseph, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | R & R D’Mello, M D’Costa |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | J D’Souza, C Joseph, J Connell |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A & R Simmons, L Noronha |
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| **21st & 22nd October 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Children’s Choir | R Clarke, A Simmons, M Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | R Beloso, P Joseph |
| **9.00am** | T Dam | Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | N Atulia | L Caballero, K Johnson, M Gambin |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | I Lemalu, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | P Afaese, 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: 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>

***28th sunday of the year, 15th October 2023***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. ***R.***

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. ***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

Philippians 4: 12-14:19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1-14.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: `The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. The king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us Saviour… … …

