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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**

***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**  No Mass - Tenebrae 7.00pm **Wednesday:** 9:30am– In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday: See Easter Timetable**

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday: No Reconciliation

Saturday: No Reconciliation

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Year A**

**2ND April 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. 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](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,** We Congratulate all the Children and their families who made their First Reconciliation this week.

On the 23rd March Bishop Greg Bennet received a further appointment as a member of the Dicastery for the Clergy for Holiness, Pope Francis. The announcement can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/yckxpdjs>

I wish to thank everyone who has supported our parish Youths endeavours to raise funds to travel to WYD so far. We thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

This Tuesday 4th April 2023 all the Clergy of the Diocese will join with Bishop Greg at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale, for the Chrism Mass at 11.00am, as he blesses the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which parishes will use for the celebration of the Sacraments. Our clergy will also renew their commitment to their ministry for the Church. All are welcome. **There will be no Morning Mass in the Church this Tuesday.**

The Hours of Grace went very well during the week, we pray for continued blessings. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

We are in need of volunteers to help with preparing for the Easter celebrations, this Wednesday and Thursday morning and after 3.00pm at the school hall if you are able to assist, please contact Sr Victoria or the parish office.

I urge all Parishioners to make every effort to participate in the Tenebrae Ceremony this **Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm.** There will be no extra opportunity for Reconciliation as Holy Week will be an extremely busy time.

Please encourage your friends and family members to join us as we journey through this most Holy Week of our year. To help cope with every increasing number of people who join us for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There will be 3 locations for people to gather the Church, Parish Hall and St Agatha’s school hall on Holy Thursday, Good Friday the Church and Holy Saturday, **Easter Vigil at 7.00pm** there will be 2 locations for people to gather: The Church and the Parish Hall. All 3 locations will be linked by live audio and video.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**GOOD FRIDAY** is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Catholics who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are obliged to Fast. In addition, all Catholics who have completed their 14th year are obliged to Abstain from meat. The Paschal Precept requires that each of the faithful receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**ROSTERS FOR PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL NARRATORS:**

**6.00pm:** R Sutherland, D.Hughes S Navin

**7.30am:** T Heldt, R Beloso, R Trevisan

**9.00am:** G Nelson, S Laufou, P Joseph

**10.45am:** N Atulia, R D’Mello, E Lupeamanu

**6.00pm:** J MacDonald, Y Prasetyo, R Gimeno

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS 6TH APRIL:**

**LECTOR:** S Crinall  **NARRATOR:** A Ortencio

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:** M Nieuwesteeg, A Simmons, C Pereira, T Dam, E Abraham, A Dam

**GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL:**

**LECTORS:** Youth

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** R D’Mello, R D’Mello, D Hughes, T Nyerenyere, L Joseph, D Barker, P Schreurs

**EASTER VIGIL 8TH APRIL: LECTORS:** 1st M Thomas, 2nd D Abraham, 3rd M Lutu, 4th B Vechoorettu, 5th R Alejandro

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** K Johnson, L Gillespie, C Beloso, C Joseph, L Caballero, J Raudino, L Jean Louis

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed after Easter from Monday to Wednesday, reopening again on Thursday 13th April from 8.30am to 3.00pm.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** will be prayed each day, beginning Good Friday after the Solemn Commemoration, and continuing at 5.00pm each day in the Church until Saturday 15th April. All Welcome!

**WYD DINNER DANCE PHOTOS** will be available to view online shortly. If you have an objection to your photo being displayed, please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING** will be held on Monday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Will be taken up at Mass on Holy Thursday for the needy in our parish and Good Friday Service for Holy Places.

**WYD FUNDRASING DANCE:** Due to popular demand St Agatha’s will be hosting a second fundraising dance on the 1st July 2023 at 6.30pm St Peter’s College Hall. Please mark this date in your diary, ticket on sale soon. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

**PLAYGROUP:** No playgroup during school holidays, resuming next term. We thank the families that have come along to Playgroup this term.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion boxes can be returned on Good Friday. $2 or more are tax deductible.

**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.

**ST. AGATHA’S - HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE**

**Tenebrae** Tuesday 4th April 7.00pm

**Wednesday** 5th April Mass 9.30am

**Holy Thursday** 6th April No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.00pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight in the Parish Hall

**Good Friday 7th April** No Morning Mass

Morning Prayer 9.30am

Stations of the Cross 10.30am [School Oval]

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm:Church,

School Hall & Parish Hall

**Holy Saturday 8th April** No morning Mass, Holy Hour or Reconciliation

Easter Vigil 7.00pm [Candles will be supplied by Parish]

**Easter Sunday 9th April**

Mass 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April - 10.45am Mass**

**BIBLE STUDIES** Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew’s Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Mid-May 2023 at 5.00pm to 6.00pm. For more information or to register contact the parish office on 5996 1985 or email [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au)

**WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER:** If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or a QR code has been created for your convenience. The iPad stand is ready to make donations via CDFpay in the Church foyer.

**COME AND SEE: BISHOP GREG INVITES YOUNG MEN (+18YRS)** of our Parishes of the Diocese of Sale to come to St Mary's Cathedral on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30th, 2.30pm – 4pm, especially those who may have a call from God to life as a priest, or to simply meet Bishop Greg and other priests. It will be an opportunity to meet those living the priestly life, to pray with them and ask questions.

***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 Spirit and the Eucharist**

[**https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-spirit-and-the-eucharist**](https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-spirit-and-the-eucharist)

**CHURCH FLOWERS DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers, please place the money in an envelope marked “Flowers” Thank you.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions. Engaging Your Faith – May 2023.Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science &amp; Faith. Choose what interests you from $25 per session. For more information and to register:

[www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://www.ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

**The Recently Deceased:**

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Felix Weinman, Zeferino Mendes, Spike Dawson, Kusum Amarasinghe, Elaine Fernando, Stefano Caminiti, Procida Lina Gergoria, Des & Margaret Howe, Eusebia Delima, Orazio, Carmelo & Mattia Molino, Gustavo Klein, Marguerite Daly, Fr Patrick O’Brien, Leo Meyne and Phyllis Catherine Meyne.

**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

*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.*

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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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| **1st & 2nd April 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Sutherland | C D’Lima, M D’Costa, R Trevisan |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | T Heldt, L Louis |
| **9.00am** | G Nelson | I Lemalu, P & L Joseph |
| **10.45am** | N Atulia | R D’Mello, N Atulia, L Caballero |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | E Clinch, A Ulu, E Abraham |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | J Pasala, B Joseph, R D’Mello |
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| **8th & 9th April 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Easter roster | Refer to Easter Roster |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | M Vechoorettu, M Sutherland |
| **9.00am** | L Adikari | M Nieuwesteeg, Y Prasetyo, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | A D’Mello | K Johnson, M Gambin, E Mandividza |
| **6.00pm** | I Lemalu | J MacDonald, A John, I Lemalu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | L Clark, T Raffa, B Duyvestyn |
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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](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 Sr Mary 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP**: Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**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>

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders, past, present and future.

 <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP> @StAgathasCP   **PARISH APP**: The parish has an APP that is available from the ‘**APP STORE**’ and the ‘**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.

***Passion SUNDAY, 2nd April 2023***

FIRST READING Is 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

responsorial psalm

1. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' ***R.***

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. ***R.***

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! ***R.***

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' ***R.***

second reading Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mt 27:11-54

**N:** Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O:** Are you king of the Jews?

**N:** Jesus replied:

**J:** It is you who say it.

**N:** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

**O:** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N:** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**O:** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N:** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgment, his wife sent him a message,

**O:** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N:** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

**O:** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N:** they said:

***C: Barabbas.***

**N:** Pilate said to them:

**O:** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N:** They all said:

***C: Let him be crucified!***

**N:** Pilate asked:

**O:** Why? What harm has he done?

**N:** But they shouted all the louder,

***C: Let him be crucified!***

**N:** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent, So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

**O:** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

**N:** And the people, to a man, shouted back:

***C: His blood be on us and our children!***

**N:** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

***C: Hail, king of the Jews!***

**N:** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

***C: So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!***

**N:** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

***C: He saved the others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, ‘I am the son of God’.***

**N:** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

**J:** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is: `My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

**N.** When those who stood there heard this, they said:

***C: The man is calling on Elijah***

**N:** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. he rest of them said:

***C: Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.***

**N:** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

***(ALL KNEEL AND PAUSE A MOMENT)***

**N:** At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

***C: In truth this was a Son of God.***

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

we proclaim your death …