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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 and 11:30 Funeral Mass  **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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**12th February 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

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Stanly Devasia

**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,** Congratulations to all our parishioners as we celebrate St Agatha’s Feast Day in honour of our patron saint.

As we celebrate our Feast Day and 50 years as a parish, we welcome visitors, past parishioners and guests back to St Agatha’s. We thank all those who have sent their best wishes and apologies as they are unable to join us today.

We are grateful to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our wonderful parish and pray for His continual guidance, St. Agatha pray for us!

Thank you to all those you have helped in any way to make our Parish Feast Day, 50th Jubilee and Fr Stanlys’ farewell celebration and memorable and successful occasion.

Today we will officially farewell Fr Stanly and thank him for his great work in our parish. We pray for Fr Stanly and wish him all the best in his new parishes of Korumburra and Leongatha.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023:** Information & Parent WorkshopWednesday 15th February at 7.00pm**. Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha’s Church. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985

**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

**FIRST COMMITMENT WEEKEND** for Reconciliation11th & 12th February, at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses **except the 10.45am** **this weekend due to Feast Day celebration.** All children attending the 10.45am Mass please leave your commitment form in the basket.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:** 22nd February, 9.30am, 12.15pm St Agatha’s whole school Mass, 5.00pm & 7.00pm in the Church. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** St Agatha’s Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools Wednesday 4.00pm.Registration can be made online [https://stagathas.org.au/component/com\_formmaker/Itemid,841/id,18/view,formmaker/](https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid%2C841/id%2C18/view%2Cformmaker/) or at the Parish Office.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY:** “Do you know we have a group of Mothers who Pray for their Children in our Parish?
We are back to our weekly meetings, every Monday 7.30pm. Come and join, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers! Everything can be changed by the power of prayer!”

**BIBLE STUDIES:** Our parish will be holding another session of “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”, studies. Beginning 19th February 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. This 8 week session will give you an understanding of the bible narrative from the Old Testament up to Jesus’ time in the New Testament - in the Story of our Salvation. Please register your interest by 5th Feb by calling the parish office to order the study materials."

**ST AGATHA’S PARISH DANCE:** Youth Fundraiser for fundraiser for World Youth Day. Saturday 18th February, St Peter’s College, Cranbourne West. 1005 Cranbourne -Frankston Rd, Cranbourne West. Enter Navarra Drive entrance via Duff Street. Live band. Food for sale. BYO drinks. Adults $30, Children under 16 - $20, Children under 4 – free. Family - $100. Tickets on sale this weekend after Mass and from the Parish Office.

**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** Parishioners can start returning their blessed palms/ greenery from last year’s Palm Sunday, so they can be burnt and will be used for Ash Wednesday. Please leave in the basket on the table in the foyer.

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTERS** are being compiled shortly, please contact the parish office if you wish to change your Mass times etc.

**WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER:** A QR code has been created for your

convenience if you wish to make a donation through CDF to support our Youth to travel to Lisbon for WYD. The QR code is available to scan in the Church Foyer and via our website.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Mission: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

***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: Jesus I Trust in You**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/divine-mercy-chaplet-franciscan-friars-of-the-renewal>

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**USED BIBLES:** Do you have any Bibles that you are no longer using. A parishioner is helping a charity in Fiji “Missionary Families of Christ” that is donating bibles to the catholic poor and to jail inmates who want to read the word of God. If you can donate a Bible, please leave it at the Parish Office.

**PRAYER GROUP:** St Agatha’s Prayer Group Will resume on Monday 20/02/2023 at 10.30am. Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus?  Come journey with us this lent. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. Contact Jacinta on 0426973026.

**DIOCESAN CATECHIST ASSOCIATION –** **ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST** invitation extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children’s Liturgy to attend: Date – 21st March 2023

Venue – Teacher’s Centre, Sion House, Warragul, from 9am to 3pm. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15th March 2023 to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au or 56226678.

**RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES:** An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 2.00pm. Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct) 3.00 pm. The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral 4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

**PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION!** As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 26th February 2023, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 1.30-2.30 pm. Choir rehearsal 3.00-4.00 pm. Rite of Election To register your interest and receive the music pack and rehearsal links, please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au without delay or phone the diocesan office on 5622 6677.

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY** 18th & 19th February 2023 Project Compassion boxes or set of donation envelopes will be available in the foyer, please help support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world.

**STATEMENT FROM THE OCEANIA BISHOPS** regarding the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Caritas Australia is working with their partners on the ground, including Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies to assess the most urgent needs. As the death toll continues to mount rapidly and the infrastructure damage has been so significant, it is still challenging to reach many impacted communities. Despite the serious logistical challenges, Caritas agencies are already there on the ground and coordinating with local authorities. The link to the Caritas appeal is: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey-syria/>



**The Recently Deceased:** Nancy Young

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Emanuel Spiteri, Fr Wladyslaw Lisik S Chr, Eleykutty Peter, VK Joseph, Helene Anthony, Vaughan Boucher, Mary Jose, Mary Tilse, Joseph Quintus, Matilda Marshal, Don Martin, Nicholine Jayakody, Mauta Naeta Ppiah, Arnand Ridoynauth, Cyril George Nathan, Mervyn Moreira, Louisa Jakubicki, Leo Dougherty, Sr Mary John, Gabrielle Michael, Otty Vaz, Rudy Phillips, Vincenzo & Angela Barca, Claudette Sinclair, Lise Donaldson, Andrew Fernandes, Joseph Rodrigo, Wilfred Fernandes, Vivencio Barroso

**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, Connie McVicar, Max King, Philip Sgroi

*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 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

**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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| **11th &12th Feb 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | M Parrocho, D Grace, A Hughes |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | C & R Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | P Joseph | R Alejandro, D Barker, K Parracho |
| **10.45am** | R Holsinger | K Auvale, T Lupeamanu, C Tyminski |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | A John, M Auvale, I Lemalu |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | P & R Afaese, A Ulu |
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|  **18th & 19th Feb 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | L Lim | C D’Lima, R Trevisan, L Lim |
| **7.30am** | R Trevisan | T Heldt, L Jean Louis |
| **9.00am** | J Raudino | R Daly, J Kelly, K Parrocho |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | S Lucas, N Atulia, R Holsinger |
| **6.00pm** | I Lemalu | J Macdonald, J D’Souza, Y Prasetyo |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Antony, T Macharaga, C & E Moore |
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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: Petelo 0435 118 132

**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**: Resumes in February 2023. 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.

***6th Sunday in ordinary time, 12th FEBRUARY 2023***

First Reading

*Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments; to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. ***Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God’s law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. ***R.***

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. ***R.***

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. ***R.***

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. ***R.***

Second Reading

*Corinthians 2: 6 -10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God pre-destined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind

of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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 5: 17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. “You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill, he must answer for it before the court. But I say to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. “You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.’ Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour … … …

