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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**

***Facebook Live:*** <https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>

# Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9.30am - Live Streamed
**Wednesday: 8.00am** - Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Friday:** 9.30am - Live Streamed

**Saturday:** **11.00am** - Live Streamed

 **Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday & 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. Please check in with the Victorian QR code app on arrival.

**Healing Mass** Suspended

**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 Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

 **Marriages**

6 months’ notice requested

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**6th March 2022**

#### 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

**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 Safe Guarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ****5996 1985

**Email:** cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

**Parish Secretary:** MrsTina Dam

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**St Agatha’s Primary School**

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

****5996 2724

**Deputy Principal:** Liam Doherty

# St Therese’s Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

 Cranbourne North

****5996 7525

**Principal:** Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

# 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:** Bishop Greg will be coming to St Agatha’s to ordain Mark Hughes a parishioner of St Agatha’s to the Diaconate on Saturday 12th March at 11.00am at St Agatha’s. Parishioners are invited to join us for Mass followed by light refreshments in the School Hall after Mass. Due to Government Restrictions only fully vaccinated will be able to attend the refreshments in the hall. Please note 9.30am Mass will note be celebrated on the 12th March.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church.

Recently the Sacristy has become very congested with parishioners, the Sacristy is exclusively for the Priest, Sacristan, Lector and Extraordinary Ministers.Due to COVID and limited space in the Sacristy, if you wish to speak with a Priest please wait outside to do so.

thank you to the huge numbers of parishioners who attended Ash Wednesday Masses, what a great start to Lent.

This weekend we pray for those in the parish RCIA groups who will travel to St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale, for the Rite of Election. This is the beginning of a special time of preparation for the Easter Sacraments; please keep them in your prayers.

Please note Mass this Wednesday will be celebrated at 8.00am as Fr Stanly and myself will be attending a Clergy reflection day in Warragul. May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Laylah McMillan, child of Bryce & Simona, Zachariah Nair, child of Kriesan & Shireen, Macey Nicholas, child of Westley & Liesl, Alaia Fosio, child of Mark & Agnes and Kiara San Pedro, child of Francis & Katrina.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parent/Child workshop will be held Wednesday 9th March at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Church.Children are reminded to bring their pencil case and favourite object.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Parishioners are invited take a prayer card from the Church foyer and pray for one of the children preparing to make their First Reconciliation. Thank you.

**RCIA RITE OF ELECTION:** An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

**RCIA CATECHUMEN & CANDIDATES** will take part in the Rite of Sending at 9.00am Mass today. Please continue to pray for Amal, Jörg & Vlad as they prepare to journey to the Cathedral in Sale.

**SISTERS ROLES:** This year the Sisters have changed their roles, Sr Faustina is now responsible for the Sacraments. Sr Victoria is responsible for Liturgy, RE Classes and Junior RCIA. Sr Mary is responsible for Pastoral Visits, God Start and the Youth.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. For more information: lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm after 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools Wednesday during school terms at 4.00pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS:** Would you like to volunteer as a RE Catechist? Classes are held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Experienced Catechists and new member welcome. For more information contact Sr Victoria on 59961 985

**CATECHISTS & CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS:** The Diocese of Sale invites all Catechists and those involved in Children’s Liturgy to attend the Annual Gathering and Eucharist Tuesday 22nd March 9.00am Sion Room, Sion House, Warragul. RSVP by Wednesday 16th March to Barbara Durand at bdurand@sale.catholic.org.au

**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.

**MILITARY ORDINARIATE OF AUSTRALIA:** Since late 2019 parishes have generously donated to the mission. St Agatha’s collection raised $1,517.75, The Military Ordinariate thank parishioners for their generosity.

**ACRATH: *Pope Francis said: “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”*** Not all chocolate is sweet. Not if a child has been forced to pick the cocoa beans - a key ingredient of chocolate. About 80% of cocoa comes from West Africa and it is estimated that almost 2 million children are in child labour in these areas.

They may never go to school or taste the chocolate they help produce.

Make a change this Easter and buy only slavery-free chocolate to ensure no child labour or forced labour was used in the production.

Slavery-free chocolate will feature one of these certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. Slavery-free chocolate is delicious, and you can buy it at ALDI, Haigh’s, and other leading supermarkets and shops.

For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** We also offer this year: Full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius de Loyola with limited places.

• Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts. This is an inclusive and contemporary retreat that has the same dynamic seasons as that of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola written in the early sixteenth century.

This has limited places so please book in early.

• Spiritual Direction

 Please contact either Ruth 0477 800 161 or Divine 0427 706 498

**GROUP LEADERS:** As parish groups are returning to face-to-face meetings, it is a Diocesan requirement that leaders are to keep a record of all those attending the meeting for Safeguarding records and QR code on arrival.

*Netflix for Catholics, free for all* ***parishioners! Go to our parish website at*** <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: For the Children preparing for Reconciliation

For the Children: **Let’s Learn about Lent**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/let-s-learn-about-lent>

**CUPPA WITH MARY:** When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ’s story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary’s place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a ‘Çuppa with Mary’. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost $20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

**PIANO:** Grandiola Stems-Dresden Piano free for pick up. If you are interested, please contact Des on 0400 854 572

**INVIGORATE YOUTH:**Outdoor activity with their parents at Casey Fields next Sunday 13th March at 12noon. Come prepared to have fun, bring your lunch box or something to share. More information contact Sr Mary

***COVID SAFETY:***

**IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.**

**FACE COVERINGS:** Are not mandatory but are recommended if you cannot physically distance.

**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**



**The Recently Deceased:** Vince Borg [In Malta]

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Alex Salvo, Rosendo Chiong Jnr, Elaine Fernando, Crimsey Siriwardena, Tyrell Jayasinghe, Peter Ainsworth, Anthony D’Silva, Marie Antoinette Ternel, Deceased members of the Salim, Stanley and Duran Families

**Those who are sick:** Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, Baby Noah, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Lyndell Adikari, Gerry Shafton, Cynthia Leonard

*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 – 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

**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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| **5 & 6th March 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | T Heldt | M Parrocho, M Cincotta, A Hughes |
| **7.30am** | J Vechoorettu | M Soni |
|  **9.00am** | R Gimeno | K Parrocho, A Dam, P Spierings |
| **10.45am** | R Holsinger | R D’Mello, C Tyminski, T Nyerenyere |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Clinch, E Abraham, A Ulu |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A & R Simmons, N Jose |
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| **12 & 13th March 2022** | **Lector** | **RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | C D’Lima, A Simmons, T Heldt |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | C Beloso |
| **9.00am** | R Alejandro | R Daly, T Dam, M Dam |
| **10.45am** | R Gimeno | R Holsinger, N Atulia, S Lucas |
| **6.00pm** | E Abraham | J MacDonald, Y Prasetyo, C Joseph |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R Afaese, G Caballero |
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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.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Victoria 5996 1985

## AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**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

**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

**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**: For COVID safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Mary 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

**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 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.

**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>

***FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 6th March 2022***

First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

1. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' ***R.***

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. ***R.***

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. ***R.***

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer; ‘I am with you.’ I will save him in distress and give him glory. ***R.***

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you

will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread … … …