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***Cranbourne***

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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:** 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 & 7.00pm

**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.

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**22nd 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,** RCIA Catechumen and Candidates will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance in the order of Catechumens at the 9.00am Mass today. Please keep them in your prayers.   
Due to the increased costs of Stewardship Envelopes and postage, I would encourage parishioner to consider changing their Stewardship giving to Direct Debit or Direct Credit. If you are able to assist the parish, please contact Tina or Nona.   
The new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers will be commissioned at Mass on 2nd November at 7.00pm.   
**ALL SAINTS - ALL HALLOWS:** “Halloween” a day to honour all saints in heaven. Children are invited to come dressed as their chosen Saint at weekend Masses on 28th & 29th October. A reminder that next weekend masses as we celebrate All Hallows day, we invite children to come dressed as their chosen Saint, dress your child resembling their chosen Saint and take a short video clip stating their name and age, the name of the Saint and why they chose the Saint. Videos are to be filmed on landscape, no longer than 10-15 seconds. Please do not add text to the video. Email the video to the parish office before 27th October to be played at Mass on the Sunday 29th October. A consent form and instructions can be downloaded from our Parish website (News & Events) <https://stagathas.org.au/news-and-events/840-all-saints-all-hallows-online-consent-2023/file.html>

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:** Amaya Lavados Child of Felipe & Lisa, Juan Maceda Child of Juanito & Karen.

**ALL SAINTs AND ALL SOULS MASS TIMES:** Wednesday 1st November 9.30am and Thursday 2nd November 9.30am, 12noon and 7.00pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Congratulations to Shevin Amarasinghe on making his First Communion this weekend.

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

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

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

**CATHOLIC MISSION**: This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to bepart of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps inmedical care, and provide families with essential health careand knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to actand autonomy over their health and well-being.The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina’s, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.Please give generously today to help continue this life-givingprogram by using the appeal envelope, going online atcatholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your giftwill also help many other similar Church-run mission programsaround the world.

**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 Masses, please place your name on the clip board in the Church foyer or 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.

**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.

**BISHOP GREG INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION:** At the Abbey, Raymond Island, on Thursday 23rd November from 10.00am until 3.30pm (morning tea available from 9.30am). $25 pp RSVP for catering on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)  **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** 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)

**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.

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** The Sale Diocese is SHINING A LIGHT on Domestic Violence, an issue impacting many. Commencing next weekend, we invite you to a four-week journey of prayer and listening to raise awareness within our parish and school communities. From November 17-19, wear white to Mass as we come together against Domestic Violence. A special liturgy will be held on November 17th, with locations at St. Michael's (Berwick & Traralgon), Sion House (Warragul), and St. Mary's (Bairnsdale & Yarram). We encourage everyone to join and make a stand.

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK:** You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Otobo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark in preparation for Year B. Via Zoom, Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please go to our website for more information. Please register to receive the link. [www.trybooking.comCMOVER](http://www.trybooking.comCMOVER) email: [sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au)

**MARIST HOUSE, FITZROY: UNIQUE LIVING OPPORTUNITY FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome. Contact Br. Frank on 0407943473. For more information - website link: <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy>

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Online information session for 2024. Monday 20th October at 7.30pm Join our online information session to learn more about study options at Catholic Theological College (CTC). Whether you want to further your career or your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, CTC has the right path/options for you. Meet our Course Advisers and learn about our wide range of courses and units: online and face-to-face. Registration is essential <https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvcumpqTIoEte3Om3qO-AJ_9IUc7q3dyq5#/registration>

**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  **ACCOMODATION:** required for single mature female, practicing Catholic. Please contact the parish office.

**SAFEGUARDING:** All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy as follows:

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE online information session for 2024** Monday 30th October at 7.30pm (AEDT) Register via our website [ctc.edu.au/information-session](https://ctc.edu.au/information-session/) For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot [ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)

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:** Julia Savio, John Riordan, Ethelreda Joachim,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Dominica Perera, Cyril L’Ecluse, Richmond, Sabine & Gillete Chavny, Paily Paulo 1st, Mariano & Carmelo Aliberto, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Eustace Silve, Arthur Salt, Santo Mancuso, Ramon Austria Snr, Florita Briones, Clancy Carr, Reginald Besterwitch, Margaret Nowden, Frederick Moldrich 1st, Hope Iverach 1st, Fr Peter Curran

**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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| **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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| **28th & 29th October 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | S Crinall | B Evans, K Parrocho, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** | I Lemalu | L Joseph, T Heldt |
| **9.00am** | R Gimeno | T Dam, G Nelson, R Alejandro |
| **10.45am** | P Schreurs | E Mandividza, A Ortencio, L Gillespie |
| **6.00pm** | A Ulu | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Antony, 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: 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>

***29th sunday of the year, 22nd October 2023***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. ***R.***

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. ***R.***

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

***R.***

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King.' He will judge the people in fairness. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, `Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, `You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, `Whose head is this? Whose name?' `Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, `Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us Saviour… … …

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In this Sunday's Gospel reading, when Jesus asks the Pharisees to tell Him whose image was engraved on the coin that pays the census tax, He contrasts it to the image we should have engraved upon our hearts. The Romans believed their emperors were divine; therefore, they were carrying around the graven image of a human god. But the true Human-God was standing before the disbelieving Pharisees.

Our hearts belong to God, or so we say. If Jesus is engraved upon our hearts, as we want Him to be, how do we give God to God, as Jesus tells us to do? The answer is in how much our lives look like the life of Christ. When people see us, do they see Jesus engraved upon us? To the extent that they do, that's the extent to which we are offering Him back to the One who gave Him to us.

