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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 - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Wednesday:** 9.30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Thursday:** 9:30am, 12.00pm & 7.00pm In the Church

**Friday:** 9:30am, 11.30am & 1.30pm Funeral & 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.

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**29th 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

**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

**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,** November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. This Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on 1st November and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on 2nd November.

One Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st November 9.30am and three Masses will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November 9.30am, 12noon and 7.00pm.

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

The Cross will be put out after this weekend for parishioners to place the name of their deceased loved ones for prayers during November.

Follow up training session will be held for new Altar Servers who were unable to attend last session on Saturday 4th November 11.30am in the Church.

Altar Servers general meeting Wednesday 8th November from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Church for new and current servers.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for repair work on the Tabernacle to be completed. Please go to the Church to pray during this time.
The new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers will be commissioned this week at Mass on 2nd November at 7.00pm.

Due to the increased costs of Stewardship Envelopes and postage, I would encourage parishioners 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.

May God bless you Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Zander Fernando Child of Hamish & Christine, Kian De Guzman Child of Christian & Mayjorie, Ash Punchihewa Child of Ramesh & Rasadini.

**FUNERAL MASSES** will be celebratedfor John Mulder on Friday 3rd November at 11.30am & Margaret Jongen [Dietrich] at 1.30pm at St Agatha’s Parish**.**

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

**ADVENT GROUP:** A Advent Group will be meeting Thursday mornings at 10.30am please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

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

**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 infor@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: <https://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

**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 30th 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 Website: wwme.org.au  **ACCOMMODATION:** 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:

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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Julie Savio, John Mulder, Margaret Jongen, Irene Arujo [in India], Emmanuel Rayeta [in Mauritius], P. V Francis, Fr Faustin John Pinto, Saverin Pinto

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fr Patrick Sterling, Fr William Tierney, Archbishop Patrick O’Donnell, Fr Cornelius Donovan, Marcos Dos Santos, Liston Spink & Rita Spink, Trevor Fernandez[1st], Aloma DeSilva, Hensley Perrine, Stanford Jacobs, Roger Paul, Beryl Jayasinghe, Harold Fonseka, Lilly Liveiro, Gustovo Klein, Michael Changtime, Lauren Guillot, Silvina Lim, Sr Rosemary Mamman[SON], Emily D’mello, Joseph, John & Antoinette Crasto, Clifford, Linda & Maxwell De Rozario, Philomena, Kenneth & Everad Paris, Mourina Reid,

**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.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10 1Thess 2:7-9,13 Mt 23:1-12

**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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| **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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| **4th & 5th November 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | H Guerra | M D’Costa, R Trevisan, P Hunt |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | L Jean Louis, M Vechoorettu |
| **9.00am** | L Adikari | J Raudino, A Dam, S Spaull |
| **10.45am** | M Thomas | K Auvale, T Lupeamanu, R D’Mello |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | J D’Souza, C Joseph, J Connell |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  |  |
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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

**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>

***30th sunday of the year, 29th October 2023***

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. ***R.***

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke

with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread… … …

 