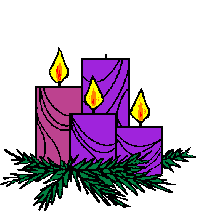
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***St Agatha's Parish***

***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 - In the Church & Live Streamed

**Monday:** 9:30am

**Tuesday** 9:30am & 6:00pm St Agatha’s Graduation Mass **Wednesday:** 9:30am

**Thursday:** 9:30am & 6pm St Therese’s School Graduation Mass

**Friday:** 9:30am & 11.30am Funeral Mass

**Saturday:** 9:30am

**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

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Year A**

**11th December 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](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

**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](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**

**ST. AGATHA’S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS TIMETABLE**

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Tuesday 20th December 7.00pm Several Priests available

**No Reconciliation:** Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd December

**Christmas Eve: 6.00pm** – Family Mass, **8.00pm, 10.00pm** & **Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)

**Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am “NO EVENING MASS”**

**New Year’s Eve: 6.00pm and 11.00pm**

**New Year’s Day: 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am “NO EVENING MASS”**

**Dear Parishioners,** Bishop Greg has announced following appointments effective 15th February 2023. Fr Stanly Devasia, currently Assistant Priest at St Agatha’s Cranbourne has been appointed Parish Priest of Leongatha & Korumburra. Fr Avinash George, will move from Administrator to Parish Priest of Koo Wee Rup and Iona/Maryknoll. Fr Confidence Masvosva, will remain Administrator of Warragul and Drouin parishes until January 2024. Fr Mark Hughes currently Assistant Pries of Sale will move to Bairnsdale as Assistant Priest. Michael Manuel will be Ordained to the Diaconate on Friday 16th December 2022 at St Michael, Berwick. Michael will receive a parish appointment after the Ordination.

We will miss Fr Stanly and wish him well in his new appointment, please keep him in your prayers.

Our parish feast day will be celebrated on Sunday 12th February 2023 in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary, we will also be farewelling Fr Stanly as a parish at the 10.45am Mass, followed by our cultural luncheon at St Agatha’s School Hall.

The Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday 14th December.

During this week both schools will be celebrating their end of year Mass, we wish the staff, students and their families a very Happy, Holy and safe Christmas and New Year.

In preparation for Christmas due to the large numbers attending Masses, we need volunteers to help with different tasks. If you are able to help please place your name and number on the clipboard in the foyer.

**ADVENT RECONCILATION:** St Agatha’s Parish 20th Dec at 7.00pm. Reconciliation will not be celebrated before Christmas on the ***23rd and 24th December*** and will resume on the 13th January 2023.

13th Dec St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, 14th Dec St Michaels, Berwick, 15th Dec St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde, 21st Dec St Patricks, Pakenham, 22nd Dec Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren.

May God bless you, Fr Joseph.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Noa Gonzales Child of Adrian & Anna, Emil Guanizo Child of Arby & Christine, Keira Abella Child of Virgilio & Rebecca, Anna and James Jenkins Children of Robert & Susan.

**OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Handmade olive wood religious items many by Christians families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend 10th & 11th December. Proceeds of sales help some of the Christian families living in the holy land.

**FUNERAL MASS** will be held at St Agatha’s for Patricia Bolch this Friday 16th December at 11.30am.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL:** Our Conference will again be distributing Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children 0-14 years of age. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them in the baskets on the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

***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***

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**This week: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE:** Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference s supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au)

**SIMBANG GABI:** Dawn Masses will be celebrated at 5.00am daily from Friday 16th December to Saturday 24th December at St Agatha’s. Light breakfast will be served after the Mass at the Parish Hall. All welcome, please join us!

**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:** The parish office will be closed from 22nd December and reopens on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

**ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Michael Manuel, at 7.00pm Mass Friday 16th December 2022 at St Michaels Berwick. RSVP by Monday 12th December 2022 via the Trybooking App using the link for the Ordination Mass [www.trybooking.com/991137](http://www.trybooking.com/991137) and if attending the fellowship and refreshments after the Ordination Mass please use the link [www.trybooking.com/991145](http://www.trybooking.com/991145)

**FLOOD EMERGENCY IN VICTORIA:** SVDP have been conducting a Flood Appeal which you may wish to support. You may wish to consider taking up a leaving collection or if appropriate, offer the opportunity for parishioners to donate via the SVDP online portal. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY- 2023:** For more than 30years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. The major events of World Youth Day include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you are interested, and know more about the pilgrimage, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha’s parish hall, Cranbourne (129 Sladen Street) on 12th December at 7pm. You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on [avinash.george@cdsale.org.au](mailto:avinash.george@cdsale.org.au) or 03 59971510.

**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.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH:** Event display: Monday 5th Dec 2022 to Friday, 13 January 2023. St Elizabeth’s Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes all to come over to view the traditional nativity scene. This event is open to everyone. FREE and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parent. Viewing time: After mass times and any other time by appointments only (Visitors take prior appointments to view the display). Contacts: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office) <http://www.australiannativityscene.org> <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia>

**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

FORMED

**The Recently Deceased:** Sr Rose Idoko, Patricia Bolch

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Archbishop Eric D’Arcy, Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr Patrick Kavanagh, Joseph Jacob, Anthony Bastian, Rosendo Chiong, Cyril Nathan, Joseph, Antoinette and John Crasto, Kenneth, Philomena and Everat Paris, Clifford and Linda DeRozario, Matilda, Edward, Rita Madeira, Phyllis Bearder, Florence and Emerald Isaac, Rudy and Neil Phillips, Giovanna Bellinvia, Gaetano, Maria and Vince Di Pietro, Warren Rozario, Gemma D’Souza, Daphne Joachim.

**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.*

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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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| **10th & 11th Dec 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | L Lim | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, N Atulia |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | M Vechoorettu, M Soni |
| **9.00am** | J Raudino | T Dam, M Dam, A Dam |
| **10.45am** | S Laufou | L Gillespie, K Auvale, T Lupeamanu |
| **6.00pm** | Y Prasetyo | E Abraham, J MacDonald, A John |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Thomas, A Estrada, R Estrada |
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| **17th & 18th Dec 2022** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho |
| **7.30am** | T Heldt | C & R Beloso |
| **9.00am** | J Kelly | D Barker, K Parrocho, J Raudino |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | R D’Mello, L Caballero, K Johnson |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | M Auvale, I Lemalu, J D’Souza |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | R/C Beloso, M Rodrigues, I Abraham |
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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](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**: 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.

***3rd Sunday of advent, 11th December 2022***

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, `Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

1. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ***R.***

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. ***R.***

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. ***R.***

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart,

because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgment yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, `Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, `Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: `What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour … … …