

***St Agatha's Parish***

 ***Cranbourne***

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# MASS TIMES

###### Saturday: 6.00pm

###### Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

**Livestreamed Sunday 9.00am**

**Monday to Saturday: 9.30am**

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# 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: No Mass** & 7.00pm - In the Church

**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed & 7.00pm

**Saturday:** 7.30am, 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 Thursday: 8.30am - 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 after 9.30am Mass

**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.

#### 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 Antony Rebelo

**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Prabhu Antony

**Sisters of the Nativity:** Sr. Faustina Ede &

Sr. Victoria Orinya

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** John Kelly **** 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



**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**27th October 2024**

**PARISH NEWS**

**Dear Parishioners,** thank you to all those who donated towards the plating of the sacred vessels. We now have enough money to cover the costs.

On behalf of St Agatha’s Parish, we congratulate and wish many blessings and success to the graduates of St Peter’s College! May God bless you abundantly in all your future endeavours.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you who attended the safeguarding meeting on Thursday, 24th of this month. A special thanks to Paul Desmond, our guest speaker, for sharing his valuable insights with us, and to John Kelly for organising the meeting. Thank you all for your dedication and continued service to our parish.

As we come to the close of the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, we will hold a special celebration of the Rosary and Holy Eucharist on Thursday, 31st October, beginning at 6:30 PM with the Rosary. This event will also mark the eve of All Saints’ Day. So, I invite parents to help their children dress as their favourite saints for the 7pm mass on October 31st, the eve of All Saints’ Day. Please note, there will be no morning Mass in the parish that day, and all are encouraged to join this evening’s special celebration in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother and the saints.

The month of November we dedicate to celebrate two important liturgical events in the Church – All Saints’ Day & All Souls’ Day.

Halloween and ALL SAINTS DAY: - While driving around these past few days, I noticed that many houses and shops are decorated with scary images, pictures, costumes, skeleton etc. I started to think about why some Catholics encourage their children to celebrate Halloween dressed up like witches and devils. I would like to share some thoughts on these celebrations. All Saints Day is a universal Christian feast honouring all Christian saints – known and unknown. Halloween day is the opposite of All Saints’ Day because it is dedicated to devils and all his activities. The whole picture of Halloween is to bow down to the devil, so it is an abomination to God. “You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; You cannot have a part in both the Lord’s table and the table of demons” (1Cor 10:21). Halloween is a trap set up by the devil. “And no wonder, even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2Cor 11:14) So let us encourage our children to get dressed like angels or saints rather to please devils and his fellowship.

NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS’ DAY

All Souls’ Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. How do we help the “holy souls”? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1032) recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. I invite the parishioners to place the names of deceased relatives and friends on the cross, which will be near the pulpit, so that they can be remembered and prayed for during the month of November. As Saturday, 2nd November is All Souls Day we would like to pray Rosary and blessing of the graves in the Cranbourne Cemetery on Sunday, 3rd November at 2.00pm. May their Souls Rest in Peace! Fr. Antony

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Maahi Salim Child of Aziel & Akriti, Lilith Ellis Child of Craig & Alexandra, Penelope Homan Child of Jason & Shannon, Kali Mallari Child of Kenneth & Jennifer.

**FUNERAL MASSES:** A funeral Mass for Arcangelo Raso will be celebrated this Tuesday 29th October at 11.30am and a funeral Mass for Ann Marie Phillips will be celebrated Wednesday 30th at 11.30am.

**LEGION OF MARY: Invite all parishioners to join in** St Agatha’s Parish Rosary to close the month of October in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. Thursday 31st October 6.30pm and 7.00pm Mass.

**ALL SAINTS & ALL HALLOWS:** Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Saint, Thursday 31st October to 7.00pm Mass.

**ROSARY & BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** Cranbourne Cemetery Sunday 3rd November at 2.00pm.

**MASS OF THE ANGELS** will be celebrated 17th November at 7.00pm. For those who have lost a child in infancy, stillbirth or miscarriage.

**SHINE THE LIGHT**: In today’s gospel Bartimeus called for help and received two types of responses. Many in the crowd scolded him and told him to keep quiet while Jesus heard Bartimeus, recognised his need and responded to him. When someone talks to us about their experiences of domestic and family violence, we can choose to act like the crowd or like Jesus. Of the two choices, only Jesus’s led to healing. We see his actions reflected in the 3Rs to break the cycle of domestic and family violence: Recognise, Respond and Refer. From October 27th to November 17th, parishes across the Sale Diocese will unite in Shining a Light on domestic violence and praying for its end. Let us stand together to create a safer, more compassionate community.

**OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS**: On the 2nd & 3rd of November there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

**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 Officer is John Kelly contact 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.

**CHRISTMASS LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**  If you can assist as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister at a Christmas Mass, please write your name down on the clipboard in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

**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.

 **ST VINNIES FOOD BIN:** Many families are under financial pressures to provide food for their families. If you can assist, we would love to see our food bin full each week. Our challenge to you, if possible, each family brought one item a week or month. St Vinnies food bin is available in the Church foyer for donations of nonperishable food items like canned soup, packets of pasta, baked beans etc. and not past the expiry date. Thank you.

**DIVINE KIDS Sunday Bible Class** 10.00am in the parish hall.

**CENT NIGHT:** St Agatha’s will be hosting another fun filled evening. Cent Night Friday 8th November at 7.00pm St Agatha’s School Hall. Prizes, games and cash. If you invest $10 you can win $500. BYO food and drinks. Tea & Coffee provided.Please ring the Parish Office on 5996 1985 to book a table.

**COME AND SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977 on Sunday, 27th October 2024 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**VOICE FOR LIFE GROUP 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Please join us at Hampton Park for the 40 days for life **PEACEFUL** prayer vigil. St AGATHA’S group will be praying there on Tuesdays beginning on 1st October.

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN MEETINGS**: Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Mother’s, Grandmother’s and Spiritual Mother’s Welcome! Any inquiries please contact Mary – 0417 391 298. Follow us on Facebook – Mothers who Pray for their Children/International or Instagram. For more information go to: <http://motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com/>

**SAFEGUARDING:** All parish volunteers are reminded that you are required to comply with the diocesan and parish policy. Please check the current status of your WWC, if your card has expired you cannot participate in any voluntary capacity. Until your card has been renewed. If you require any clarification, please contact John Kelly on 5996 1985. The parish secretaries are more than happy to assist you to renew your card or help you access the online training at the parish office.

**SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:** As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are in place for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP:** Pilgrimage 15th -26th October 2024. Official Pilgrimage created & led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all-inclusive 12-day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA & NSW. For more information go to www.marymackillopplace.org.au

**The Recently Deceased:** Cameron Thomas, Arcangelo Raso, Ann Marie Phillips

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Fred Moldrich, James Thomas, Marie Paul Malin, Maryse Coutet, Marcelina ‘Margie’ Payot, Trevor Fernandez, Malia Matalena Amituana’i, Fuoco & Mancuso family, Santo Mancuso, Roger Paul, Monica Ferguson, Helena Bothello, Shainy George, Joseph Kumbuluvelil. Reginald Besterwitch, Aloma D’Silva, Vaughan Boucher, Clive Lloyd, Georgina Phillips, Patricia Silva[1st], Gina Raffa, Joe Visali, Fr Patrick Sterling, Fr William Tierney, Archbishop Patrick O’Donnell,

**Those who are sick:** Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Margaret Beadle, Peter Lemalu,

Mervyn Nathan, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs

*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 Deut 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34

**ST. AGATHA’S YOUTH GROUPS**

**Invictus (18+)** youth meeting: Every 1st Sunday of the month.12-2 in the parish hall

**Invigorate (12+)** youth meeting: Every 3rd Sunday of the month. 12-2:30 in the parish hall

**Adoration** 2nd Friday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm

**YOUTH OLYMPICS** Saturday 23rd November 9.00am to 3.00pm Ages 12-35 St Agatha’s Parish Hall. For info contact parish office on 5996 1985 Registration online <https://www.trybooking.com/CWHOG>

**ST. AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE**

 **MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1st Friday of the Month



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| **26th & 27th October 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Children’s Choir | A Hughes, R Trevisan, L Lim |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | L Heldt, H De Costa |
|  **9.00am** | H Guerra | I Lemalu, P & L Joseph |
| **10.45am** | M Sombillion | R D’Mello, T Nyerenyere, S Lucas |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | J Connell, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A Antony, C Moore, E Moore |
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| **2nd & 3rd November 2024** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | H Guerra | R Sutherland, M Parrocho, M Cincotta |
| **7.30am** | P Joseph | C & R Beloso |
| **9.00am** | J Gunn | Y Prasetyo, C Gostimir |
| **10.45am** | Volunteer | Reanne D’Mello, L Caballero, M Gambin |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | J MacDonald, I Lemalu, C Joseph |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | S Sewarimuthu, P Magsnoc, B D’Costa |

**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

**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

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Providence House, 135 Sladen Street. 1 hour by appointment only. Enq: Ruth 0494 047 927 or Divine 0427 706 498

**YOUTH GROUPS INVIGORATE [Age 12-14]** Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1st 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

**LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Parcena Joseph 0434 017 846 or Joseph Pasala 0466 803 491

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and recognise the gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

 <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 in ordinary time, 27th OCtober 2024***

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! "The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!" See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. ***R.***

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ***R.***

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ***R.***

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ***R.***

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as his people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the

one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, `Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me'. And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, `Son of David, have pity on me'. Jesus stopped and said, `Call him here'. So they called the blind man. `Courage,' they said `get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, `What do you want me to do for you?' `Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him `Master, let me see again,' Jesus said to him, `Go; your faith has saved you'. And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death… … …

 

 ‘We walk by Faith, not by sight.”