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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 - In the Church & Live Streamed

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

**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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**5th February 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

**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

**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**

**We warmly Welcome Fr Joseph back from his Holidays!**

**This Tuesday we wish Fr Stanly a very Happy Birthday, may God continue to bless you always.**

**A MESSAGE FROM FR STANLY** “For every high priest chosen from among the faithful is appointed to act on behalf of them in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.” (Hebrews 5:1-5)

Dear people of God, these Scripture verses summarise the life and vocation of every priest. In my past three years as your priest, this is the charism I carried within my heart and tried to practise in my ministry. I have been privileged to serve you, ‘God’s people,’ identifying myself as one among you. There were several occasions when we laughed and shared the joys of life together. There were moments of sadness and sorrow in which I was privileged to support you and pray with you.

Thank you for accepting me as one among you, for loving me, supporting me and encouraging me in the past three years. Thank you for those encouraging feedbacks about my homilies which reinforced the truth to me that it is the Holy Spirit, who uses my gifts to touch and penetrate the heart of His people. Thank you for the cards and gifts you gave me during every Christmas and Easter as a sign of your love towards me. Thank you for the food and drinks that you prepared and delivered to the presbytery during the days of Covid-lockdowns.

As I prepare myself to shoulder more responsibilities as the parish priest of Leongatha and Korumburra, please continue to pray for me. It is not the abilities of a priest which make him an effective shepherd. Rather, the grace of God and the support and prayers of the people.

Once again, thank you for all that you have been to me, for being God’s wonderful and faithful people, by whose faith and love I have been nourished! You will be missed!!

With love and prayers, Fr Stanly

**Dear Parishioners,** A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend of 4th & 5th February for Fr Stanly farewell. Donations can also be made through the Parish Office.

This is the final weekend Fr Stanly’s card will be available to sign in the foyer.

The Parish Feast Day celebration and Fr Stanly’s’ farewell will be celebrated next Sunday 12th February 2023, in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary. The celebration will begin with 10.45am Mass followed by a procession of the St Agatha’ statue from the Church to the school hall, where we will share a multicultural lunch to celebrate the Cultural Groups that make up our Parish Community. We encourage parishioners to bring a food from their country to share at the celebration.

We invite children to come dressed in white or their First Communion outfits so that they can join in leading the procession to the Hall.

People who have kindly offered to help with food will be contacted during week to make arrangements. We urgently require volunteers to help set up the school hall after Mass on Saturday 11th February.

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:**  Antonia Becerra, child of Pedro & Lizeth, Ciera Carr, child of Vivian & Karenza and Philippa Elgo, child of Paul & Emyrose.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023:** Information & Parent WorkshopWednesday 8th February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 15th February at 7.00pm**. Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha’s Church. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985

**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.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP:** *1800RESPECT* - 1800 737 732; *SAFE STEPS:* 1800 015 188; *ORANGE DOOR:* 1800 271 170 Dandenong or Pakenham

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** St Agatha’s Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools will resume on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 4.00pm.Registration can be made online [https://stagathas.org.au/component/com\_formmaker/Itemid,841/id,18/view,formmaker/](https://stagathas.org.au/component/com_formmaker/Itemid%2C841/id%2C18/view%2Cformmaker/) or at the Parish Office.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** For older children who have not completed their Sacraments, especially children in Grade 6 this year in non-Catholic schools. Classes 4th February 2023. For more info contact Sr Victoria on 5996 1985.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** Our parish will be holding another session of “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”, studies. Beginning 19th February 2023 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. This 8 week session will give you an understanding of the bible narrative from the Old Testament up to Jesus’ time in the New Testament - in the Story of our Salvation. Please register your interest by 5th Feb by calling the parish office to order the study materials."

**ST AGATHA’S PARISH DANCE:** Youth Fundraiser for fundraiser for World Youth Day. Saturday 18th February, St Peter’s College, Cranbourne West. 1005 Cranbourne -Frankston Rd, Cranbourne West. Enter Navarra Drive entrance via Duff Street. Live band. Food for sale. BYO drinks. Adults $30, Children under 16 - $20, Children under 4 – free. Family - $100. Tickets on sale this weekend after Mass and from the Parish Office.

**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** Parishioners can start returning their blessed palms/ greenery from last year’s Palm Sunday, so they can be burnt and will be used for Ash Wednesday. Please leave in the basket on the table in the foyer.

**NEW LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** A training session will be held on Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm Mass. The extraordinary minister's role is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person. You will be required to sign the parish Code of Conduct and

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTERS** are being compiled shortly, please contact the parish office if you wish to change your Mass times etc.

**WYD 2023 FUNDRAISER:** A QR code has been created for your convenience if you wish to make a donation through CDF to support our Youth to travel to Lisbon for WYD. The QR code is available to scan in the Church Foyer and via our website.

**PARKING ON CHURCH GROUNDS:** The gardeners have requested, please do not park on grassed or island area in the middle of the carpark. Thank you

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Mission: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

***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***

***Every week - Formed highlight different content.***

**This week: Holy Women you’ve never heard of**

<https://watch.formed.org/holy-women-you-ve-never-heard-of>

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Frank Bolch,Josefa Dela Cruz

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Judex, Antonio Fernandes, Gerard Quirin, Gino Raffa & dec family members, Nelson Fernando, Gerry Perera, Nelomie Perera, Sirinmal Adikari, Kathleen Townley, Fr David Quinn

**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.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

**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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| **4th & 5th Feb 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | H Guerra | R Trevisan, L Lim, R Sutherland |
| **7.30am** | M Vechoorettu | M Vechoorettu, T Heldt |
|  **9.00am** | J Gunn | T Dam, M Dam, A Dam |
| **10.45am** | R D’Mello | M D’Costa, L Gillespie, R D’Mello |
| **6.00pm** | M Auvale | E Clinch, A Ulu, E Abraham |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A & R Simmons, N Jose |
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| **11th &12th Feb 2023** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | M Parrocho, D Grace, A Hughes |
| **7.30am** | D Abraham | C & R Beloso |
| **9.00am** | P Joseph | R Alejandro, D Barker, K Parracho |
| **10.45am** | R Holsinger | K Auvale, T Lupeamanu, C Tyminski |
| **6.00pm** | J MacDonald | A John, M Auvale, I Lemalu |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | P & R Afaese, A Ulu |
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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

**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.

***5th Sunday in ordinary time, 4th FEBRUARY 2023***

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, ‘I am here.’ If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. ***R.***

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. ***R.***

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. ***R.***

Second Reading

Corinthians 2: 1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great ‘fear and trembling’ and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread … … …

**What does the salt and light?**

*To 'be salt' means to deliberately seek to influence the people in one's life by showing them the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds. Light is a symbol used to mean awareness, knowledge, and understanding.*

