

***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**

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

**Friday:** 9:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed & 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 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](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 Antony Rebelo

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

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

Sr. Victoria Orinya

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



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**23rd February 2025**

**PARISH NEWS**

**CALL TO ETERNAL LIFE**

**Dear Parishioners,** with deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we accept the passing of our dear **Sr. Juliana Ugboga Ogbole (known as Sr. Julie),** who was called to her eternal home on 18th February 2025, after a sudden battle with Pancreatic cancer. The news of her illness came quickly, and just as swiftly, she was called home to the Lord. Her unexpected departure has left our community in shock and profound grief. Her loss is deeply felt by her religious community of SISTERS OF NATIVITY, family in Nigeria, friends and all those whose lives she touched. While we mourn her passing, we also celebrate the beautiful life she lived and the legacy of faith and love she leaves behind.   
**A vigil service will be held on Sunday 2nd March at 6.00pm at St. Agatha’s Parish and a requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg on the following day Monday 3rd March at 11.00am at St. Thomas parish Clyde North.** We invite all who knew and loved her to join us in prayer and thanksgiving for her life. Sr. Julie, we love you, we miss you, and we entrust you into God’s loving arms. May you rest in His eternal peace. Amen.  
Due to Sr. Julie’s sudden passing, we have postponed our youth Dance program, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, until further notice. Thank you for your patience.

Next Saturday, March 1st, the Diocese of Sale has organised a youth program, **LAMP,** inviting young people from across the Diocese. This year, the Cranbourne parish youth is hosting the event, and we are honoured to welcome Bishop Greg, who will celebrate Mass for the youth at 6.00pm, alongside our regularly scheduled parish mass. All are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

**Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year?** As part of St Agatha’s celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite parishioners celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary to contact the parish office with their details before the end of April. A special Mass will be celebrated in May for these special milestones. **Fr Antony Rebelo**

**WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD:** Benjaman Thompson Child of Michael & Sarah.

**ADVERTISING POSTERS:**  Please do not place sings/posters of any sort on the Church foyer doors or windows. Please contact the parish office. Posters will be removed if the office has not been notified, and approval is given.

**ST AGATHA’S PARISH DANCE:** ***Youth Fundraiser*** has been cancelled in respect to Sr Julie & the Sisters of the Nativity. More information to follow:

**RCIA PRAYER CARDS:** Parishioners are invited to take a prayer card from the foyer and pray for a RCIA candidate.

**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** Parishioners, please return your 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.

**PALMS:** Do you have suitable Palm tree branches home and are you able to assist in supplying the parish with palms branches for decorating the Church for Palm Sunday? Please contact Sr Victoria at the Parish Office on 5996 1985

**DIVINE KIDS** Sunday Bible Class will have resumed 10.00am in the parish hall. **TOYS:** After many attempts at reviving the parish playgroup without success, we have decided to donate or give away the playgroup toys. If you know of a worthy cause, please contact the parish office.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025: Parent - Child Workshop** will be on Wednesday 26th February at 5.00pm & 7.00pm and Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm at St Agatha’s School Hall. Parent and Child need to attend only one session.

**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.

**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](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.

**INNER HEALING WORKSHOP:** OLHC Spiritual Renewal Ministry invites you for an Inner Healing Workshop. 8th March Session 2: 10.30am – 3.00pm. OLHC parish centre Narre Warren. Register contact Franko 0413 519 863 or Rony 0421 125 239.

**YOUTH CORNER: The LAMP - Sat 1st March 12pm - 7pm, St Agatha's School Hall** Ages 12+. St. Agatha’s is proud to host this year's Diocesan LAMP event! A day of prayer, reflection, worship and fun amongst our Diocese's Catholic Youth! For more information, please see the flyer in the foyer or call Dominic Rode on 0403 045 161.[parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) to register go to<https://forms.gle/WeaopUZpQV4xt5LQ8>

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS PRACTICE** - Fri 7th March 7:30-9.00pm. Please come along if you wish to have a role in the Good Friday stations play! We don’t just need actors but also readers and singers!

**Invigorate Youth:** Good Friday Service Practice - Sun 16th March 12pm - 2:30pm, Parish Hall. Please come along and join us if you wish to have a part in the Good Friday

**Invictus Youth:** Sun 6th April 12pm - 2:30pm, Parish Hall

(Our scheduled March meeting has been cancelled due to the LAMP Event) Ages 18+, This year our Invictus Youth will be conducting a Bible Study and discussion on our shared faith!

**Adoration** - April 11th, 8pm - 9pm, Church. (Our scheduled March adoration has been cancelled due to Lenten Stations of the Cross)

**WEEKEND LENTEN RETREAT:** St Thomas the Apostle parish, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Clyde. Saturday 8th March 11.00am to 4.30pm & Sunday 9th March 12.30am to 5.00pm. With Bro Colin Calmiano – Indian (International Catholic preacher) Contact: 5998 0947/ Jon 0411 381 92 or Emma on 0418 918 787

**HANDY PERSON:** An elderly lady needs someone to mow her lawn. Please contact the parish office 5996 1985.

**JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** February for Jubilee of artists. Jubilee celebrations continue in February, with the Warragul and Drouin parishes combining to host a celebration of the many, many long-serving artists within all the parishes of the Diocese. This event will take place on 23rd Feb at 11:00 am Mass at St Joseph’s Parish, Warragul followed by art exhibition in the Marian Centre. Followed by shared lunch and artist and art. Everyone is invited to join in the Jubilee celebration of artists and their work and those who are artistic are welcome to bring a piece of their art to display. All artists are invited to contact Parish Office at [warragul@cdsale.org.au](mailto:warragul@cdsale.org.au) to register your interest and attendance at this Year of Jubilee celebratory Mass.

**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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Sr Julie Ogbole,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Ameriano Magsanoc, Ricardo Palarca, Alphous Lazar, Antoinette Angelo, Marie Stella Jessy Felix 1st, Jean Marcel Dantier, Parnanthu Emmanuel, Rosaline Bird, Dale & Sheldon Widrose, Joseph Marcel Follet, Malia Matalena Amituanai, Francesco Bruno, Gaetana Papa, David Willatgamuwa, Fr Joseph O’Hagan, Fr Gerard Coddey, Fr Daniel O’Shea, Fr John Shanley

**Those who are sick:** Alwyn Magee, Richard Nathan, Carmel Hall, Les Rosevear, Helen Rosevear, Margaret Beadle, Theresa Nathan, Pauline Khan, Mona & Hazlett Drewitt, Margaret Sookram, Stanley Jacobs, Veronica Iudice, Margaret Cincotta, Isa’ako Elise, Maureen Fitzgerald, Ainsley Clarke, Mary Joan Williams, Carol Adikari, Gerrian Hillary Williams, Aiden Niggly, Denzil Moreira, Maria Nathan, Auxillia Johnson, Jacinta O’Neal, Gerard MacFarlaine

*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 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 **ALPHA** 19th May

**ST. AGATHA’S VOICE FOR LIFE**

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**

1st Friday of the Month



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| **22nd & 23rd February 2025** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Children’s Choir | A Hughes, R Clarke, R Trevisan |
| **7.30am** | R Trevisan | H De Costa, C Beloso |
| **9.00am** | T Dam | P & L Joseph, C Gostimir |
| **10.45am** | M Sombilion | T Nyerenyere, S Lucas, L Caballero |
| **6.00pm** | L Piedad | J Connell, E Clinch, A Ulu |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin |
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| **1st & 2nd March 2025** | **Lector** | **Extraordinary Ministers** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | Youth Group | R Sutherland, M Parrocho, M Cincotta |
| **7.30am** | M Lutu | P & L Joseph |
| **9.00am** | R Gimeno | R Papiernik, K Auvale, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | J Raudino | E Mandividza, M Gambin, M D’Costa, T Lupeamanu |
| **6.00pm** | D Hughes | I Lemalu, C Joseph, J Connell |
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| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | J Pasala, B Joseph, R D’Mello |

**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: Anetelea Fosio 0403 429 509

**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](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

**LEGION OF MARY:** Enquiries: Pracena 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>

***7th sunday in ordinary time, 23rd february 2025***

fiRST READING

Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, by I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. ***R.***

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. ***R.***

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. ***R.***

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: `I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

`Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour … … …