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***St Agatha's Parish***

 ***Cranbourne***



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Year C**

**12th December 2021**

# 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

**Monday:** 9.30am for fully Vaccinated - Live Streamed

**Tuesday** 9.30am for fully Vaccinated - Live Streamed

11.00am St Agatha’s School End of Year Mass

 6.00pm St Therese’s Graduation Mass

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Fully Vacc - Live Streamed

**Thursday: 5.00am &** 9.30am Fully Vacc - Live Streamed

 10.30am St Therese’s School End of Year Mass

& 7.00pm unknown status

**Friday: 5.00am &** 9.30am Fully Vacc- Live Streamed

**Saturday:** **5.00am &** 9.30am Fully Vacc - Live Streamed

 **Reconciliation/Confession**

Friday & 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. Please check in with the Victorian QR code app on arrival.

**Healing Mass** Suspended

**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 Hall. [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

**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 Safe Guarding Officers:**

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ****5996 1985

**Email:** cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

**Parish Secretary:** MrsTina Dam

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**St Agatha’s Primary School**

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

****5996 2724

**Principal:** Mr Terry Cahill

# St Therese’s Primary School

131 Endeavour Drive

 Cranbourne North

****5996 7525

**Principal:** Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

# 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 21st December at 7.00pm Several Priests available.

**Christmas Eve: 6.00pm**-Family Mass School Oval **8.00pm-** Family Mass School Oval**,**

**(8.00pm-** Mass in the Church & Live Streamed to the Parish Hall for those with unknown vaccination

status only. Bookings are essential via our website on Sunday 19th December at Midday)

**Church: 10.00pm** & **Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)

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

**Sunday Boxing Day 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am “NO EVENING MASS”**

**New Year’s Eve: 11.00pm** Vigil Prayers, followed by **Mass at 11.30pm Mass.**

**New Year’s Day: 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.45am**

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** Christmas Eve Mass for the those with an unknown vaccination status will be celebrated at 8.00pm in the Church and live streamed to the Parish Hall. Bookings are essential and exclusively for those who are not vaccinated. Booking will be available online via our website on Sunday 19th December at Midday.

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

It is with deep regret I have accepted the resignation of Gus Spierings as Gardener/Maintenance of St Agatha’s Parish. Gus has worked at St Agatha’s for the past 18 years. We are very sorry to see Gus leave us as he will be missed by all for his dedication, hard work, self-sacrifice and sense of humour. We wish Gus all the best in his retirement as he spends more time with his family. Gus will be leaving at the end of the year, a card will be available in the foyer to sign next weekend.

Parish Advent Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm. I encourage to take this opportunity to attend Reconciliation as several priests will be available and this will be your last opportunity before Christmas. Unknown vaccination status are welcome to attend.

Christmas & New Year volunteer meeting will be held on Saturday 18th December at 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

The Parish Office will closed from 23rd December till the 1st February 2022. May God Bless you, Fr Joseph

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Wade Merka, child of Wenfredo & Edha, Gabriel Lukajic, child of Stefan & Sela, Ivy Ropatti, child of Kevin & Joanna, Timothy Rodrigo, child of Digasiri & Hapuwalana, Anaya Hamzath, child of Mohamed & Stephanie,Courtney Marcelino, child of Mc Joseph & Reina and Isla Briones, child of Ryan & Mary Ann.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Anthony & Rita Soyza on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** resumes this week Tuesday to Saturday: 8.00am - 9.00am followed by Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am – 9.15am.

**BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** We are in need of some 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 specialtime please contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**ST THERESE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL** are advertising for a part-time Maintenance Officer to commence on 28th January 2022. Applications close Monday 13th December at 5.00pm. Contact the parish office for job description.

**SIMBANG GABI:** Masses will be celebrated at 5.00am from 16th December until 24th December followed by breakfast in the parish hall. Simbáng Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics leading to Christmas Eve.

**JUNIOR RCIA CLASSES**: Saturday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm and Thursday 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools will not resume until February 2022.

YOUTH CORNER: The Invigorate Youth will meet this Sunday the 12th December to celebrate our experiences and break up for this year. Come prepared to celebrate!

Meeting with all parents of the Invigorate Youth on Sunday 19th December at 12noon after 10.45am Mass in the Parish Hall.

N*etflix for Catholics, free for all* ***parishioners! Go to our parish website at*** <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:* ***Advent*** <https://watch.formed.org/videos/advent-rethinking-the-season-by-dr-tim-gray>

**SYNOD 2023 WALKING TOGETHER: *Let’s Walk Together!***

**Companions on the Journey.** Jesus wants us to walk together side by side. Of those in our Church, who do we walk with and who is forgotten? What about those outside the Church, who is not included or welcomed? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS:** All volunteers are reminded that you are required to have a valid Working With Children Check, signed the Parish Code of Conduct and have undergone Safeguarding Training either in person or on-line before you will be allowed to volunteer at St Agatha’s.

Those of you whose Working With Children Check has expired are required to renew it immediately and forward the parish office a copy of such renewal.

The Diocese has implemented a new format of the Code of Conduct for all parishes and all volunteers are now required to sign the new Code of Conduct through our parish website. Click on “Menu” on the top lefthand corner of the page, select “Safeguarding – Code of Conduct”. Then click on To read or download the full Code of Conduct: Click Here, read it and indicate your acceptance to be bound by it by completing the form at the end of the previous page “Safeguarding – Code of Conduct”. Those of you who have no access to a computer may sign a hard copy which is available from the church foyer.

All leaders of the 13 choirs are kindly requested to submit a list of their members to the parish office no later than 20th December 2021 and to ensure that their members comply with all the conditions mentioned earlier. Members who fail to comply will not be permitted to sing in the choir.

Finally, in compliance with Covid-19 regulations and Diocesan directives, all volunteers who serve on-site at the parish’s premises are also required to forward to the parish office evidence of their double vaccination or evidence of exemption.

***COVID SAFETY:*** In line with current government restrictions. We ask that you kindly use the QR code provided and present a digital or a paper copy of their COVID-19 vaccination certificate (where applicable) If you do not have a mobile phone, please sign in providing your name, contact details and signing the verification of your vaccination status.

***IF YOU FEEL UNWELL PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.***

**MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE CHURCH:** online booking to attend Mass is no longer necessary, capacity limits will still apply for now as Casey is still regarded as a hotspot. Please arrive early to Mass as the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes before Mass.

**UNKNOWN VACCINATION:** Masses will be live streamed on Sunday at 9.00am & 10.45am in Parish Hall for 35 people DQ4 rule applies, Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the Church Mass in the Church DQ4 rule still applies.

**FACE COVERINGS:** Are recommended if you cannot physically distance.

**FUNERALS (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR):** Permitted for fully vaccinated people indoors. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. 50 unknown status DQ4 rule applies

**Please refrain from touching or kissing devotional items.** They should be venerated by bowing or other faith appropriate action.

**ADORATION CHAPEL** please check in with QR code on arrival and follow instructions. Capacity limits still apply.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The pews in the Church have been moved for your safety. Please do not move the pews in the Church for your safety and it causes damage to the carpet.

**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**



**The Recently Deceased:**Monsignor John Allman PE, Laurentia “Rens” Dam, Domenico Quattrone, Bill O'Keeffe, Amando Javier, Selina Lee, Sirinimal Adikari

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Louisa Pulifito Jakubicki, Alex Salvo, Rosendo Chiong Jnr, Sybil Phillips, Leelamma Jose and Mary Abraham, Mr Victor Joseph, Elizabeth Joseph, Rosemary & Lourdith Fernandes

Giovanna Bellinvia, Sale Ah Sio 1st, Di Pietro Gaetano, Vincenza& Maria Di Pietro

Kingsley Pinto, Neil Phillips, Maria Angela Zappia, Gregorio Aguilar, Dora Philiips, Alice Rivera, George Phillips, Rick Polloso and Paz Polloso, Rudy Phillips, Enid Besterwitch

Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr Patrick Kavanagh

**Those who are sick:**  Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Lorenzo, Ignazia Carcangio, Glen Lippert, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry, George Kelaart, Odilia Schreurs, Baby Noah, Norma Clapperton, Rosa Visalli, Teresa & Mario Marinelli, Annarosa & Ignazia Zucca, Otto Harris, Kay Martini, Lyndell Adikari, Wayne Bourke, Gerry Shafton

*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 – 4th Sunday of Advent Micah 5:1-4, Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**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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| **11-12 December 2021** | **Lector** |  |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | R Trevisan | M Cincotta, A Hughes, C D’Lima |
| **7.30am** |  | C & R Beloso |
|  **9.00am** | G Nelson | P Spierings, R Daly, T Dam |
| **10.45am** | L Caballero | C Tyminski, M D’Costa, S Lucas |
| **6.00pm** | R Gimeno | E Clinch, A Malia Ulu, Y Prasetyo |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | J Mc Lean, P & T Dam |
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| **18-19 December 2021** | **Lector** | **RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING** |
| **Sat Vigil 6.00pm** | M Lim | C D’Lima, A Simmons, T Heldt |
| **7.30am** |  | M Soni |
| **9.00am** | H Guerra | M Dam, D Barker, R Alejandro |
| **10.45am** | Youth Group | R D’Mello, R D’Mello, N Atulia |
| **6.00pm** | Y Prasetyo | C Joseph, E Abraham, T Hummel |
| **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  | **Suspended** |  |
| **CHURCH COUNTERS** |  | A & R Simmons, N Jose |
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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 Faustina 5996 1985.

**CATECHETICS [R.E.] CLASSES:** Each Wed at 4pm in the Hall during School Terms. Enquiries: Sr. Faustina 5996 1985

## AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 1st Sunday of the Month after 10.45am Mass in the Hall. Enq: Sisters

**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

**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

**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 Victoria 5996 1985

**PLAYGROUP**: For COVID safety reasons, suspended until further notice. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP:** 3rd Friday of the Month in the Parish Hall. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

**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 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.

**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>

***third sunday of advent, 12th December 2021***

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ***R.***

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. ***R.***

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater that we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, "What must we do?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour… … …



# The 3rd Sunday of Advent - symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd’s Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.