



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne

**First Sunday of Advent
Year C
1st December 2024**

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

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

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Email: cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretary: Mrs Tina 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

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: 8:30am - In the Church & Live Streamed

Wednesday: 9:30am - In the Church & 11.30am Funeral

Thursday: 9:30am - In the Church & 7.15pm Healing Mass

Friday: 9:30am - In the Church, 12.00pm Funeral & 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.

PARISH NEWS

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

Advent Reconciliation Service: Friday 20th December 7.00pm Several Priests available
No Reconciliation: 10.00am Friday 20th or Saturday 21st December
Christmas Eve: Family Mass **6.00pm, 9.00pm & Midnight Mass** (carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day: **7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am "NO EVENING MASS"**
New Year's Eve: **9.30am and Adoration 11.00pm to 11.50pm followed by Midnight Mass**
New Year's Day: **9.00am & 10.45am**



Dear parishioners, today we open the Advent season that leads to the celebration of the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. During this Advent season we will be focussing on the motto of the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis wrote: "We must fan the flame of hope ... the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust ... that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

As we journey together towards the Jubilee 2025, let us embrace this God-given opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our communities and renew our commitment to living out the Gospel more joyfully in our daily lives.

In preparation for the 2025 parish yearly calendar, could parish groups please email your 2025 dates to the parishoffice@stagathas.org.au to enable us to plan ahead. RSVP by 16th December

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Sacristans, flower arrangers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, collectors, counters, RCIA senior, & junior team leaders, choirs, religious education teachers and prayer group leaders, gardeners, carpark attendants and live streamers are invited to join us for a volunteers evening on Saturday 7th December after the 6.00pm Mass for a get together in thanksgiving for all your hard work. Please write your name on the clipboard in the foyer, for catering purposes. Please let the office know if we have forgotten a group.

A special thank you to Rita Dhaniati for donating a Christmas Nativity display for the parish. May God Bless you for thinking of us.

Please note Mass this Tuesday will be celebrated at 8.30am as both priests have a meeting in Warragul.

The parish office will be closed this Thursday until 2.30pm staff will be attending a Western Region gathering. Fr Antony

WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD: Lily Nolan Child of Trent & Harikleah, Elijah Koo Kwet Kim Child of Joey & Ebony.

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY: A disabled member of our parish family requires help. Are you able to spare 2 hours in the morning or evening? NDIS funding has run out, the family are in urgent need of assistance. Please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.

SHOULD I STAY HOME FROM MASS: Am I contagious? When you know you have an illness that is easily spread to other people. Please consider for those who are not sick, whose health is fragile and who can easily fall seriously ill from someone else's minor cold? Consider wearing a mask or join us for Mass online.

ALTAR SERVERS: Christmas break up Friday 12th December from 5.00pm to 7.30pm in the parish hall. Invitations have been emailed this week, please RSVP by 6th December. A consent form must be completed and returned to the parish office before the 12th Dec.

https://stagathas.org.au/doclink/altar-servers-christmas-party-consent-form/eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWwiOiJhbHRhcnE1zXZjZlZlWNocmlzdG1hcy1wYXJ0eS1jb25zZW50LWZvcmlCjVnYXQiOiE3MzE0NTYyOTYsImV4cCI6MTczMTUzNzY5Nn0.CcrJ3WcynSrylsYMrDf_E6Jy467ZlfgHA_OxaVbZIVY

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: To save on postage please collect your new envelopes and statement from the table in the foyer.

FUNERAL MASSES for [Louis] Aloysius van den Broek will be held this Wednesday 11.30am in the Church and for Walter D'Alberto on Friday 6th Dec at 12.00pm with rosary at 11.30am.

THE PIETY STALL: is now ready for Christmas. We have Nativity Sets, various sizes, shapes and colours, Door Wreaths, Columban Calendars (to support the missions), Divine Mercy Calendars, God's Word, Stars, Christmas cards, as well as all our regular giftware, religious statues & pictures, and a whole lot more. Our prices are competitive so come and have a look. We take credit card, EFT/Pos or cash, as well as lay-by. Please support your parish and shop locally. God Bless you."

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: St Agatha's Parish Christmas Carols, Saturday 14th December 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Family picnic at 6.30pm **BYO chairs** & food, no alcohol. St Agatha's School **Basketball Court**, BYO battery candle. Sausage Sizzle, drinks will be available on the evening for purchase. **Volunteers needed as ushers, car park attendants, stage setup and dismantle**, clipboards are available in the church foyer to write your name down.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your love for Lebanon and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Christmas Eve	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
6:00pm	Children's Choir	A Hughes, C D'Lima, S Spaul
9:00pm	Youth Choir	C D'Lima, J Connell, M Cincotta
Midnight	Angela D'mello Choir	R D'Mello, R d'Mello, T Heldt, T Lupeamanu, L & P Joseph
Christmas Day	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
7:30am	R Beloso	C Beloso
9:00am	C Gostimir	T Dam, R Papeirmik,
10.45am	L Sombilion	M Cincotta
NEW EVE YEAR	J MacDonald	L & P Joseph, R Hughes
9:00am	R Beloso	C Gostimir, S Spaul, C Beloso
10.45am	J Gunn	M Cincotta, C Tyminski

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.

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.



The Recently Deceased: [Louis] Aloysius van den Broek, Walter D'Alberto

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Amelia Titi, Mary D'Rozario, George PJ, Joyce & Cyril Horne, Stephen Vanhaltren, Josephine Deemello, Zeferino Francisco, Mary & Sebastian Davies, Carmela Celi, Mariano & Carmelo Aliberto, Naomi Fuimaono, Yuna & Stephen Rosario, Gerald Fernandez, Letecia Estoy Monte, Fransico Sombilion. Sr Rose Idoko SON, Maria & Anthony Bastian, Ameriano Magsanoc, Fr James Hayes, Fr David (Dave) Cagney, Fr Frank Young, Ainsley Clarke

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, Veronica Iudice, Margaret Cincotta, Isa'ako,

*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 – Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

30 th & 1 st December 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Parrocho	L Lim, R Sutherland, M Parrocho
7.30am	R Beloso	M Vechooretu, H De Costa
9.00am	T Dam	M Dam, G Nelson, J Raudino
10.45am	A Ulu	T Nyerenyere, Reanne D'Mello, S Lucas
6.00pm	D Hughes	I Lemalu, C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		M & M Gambin, L Lorenzin, T Abraham

ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE



MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass
1st Friday of the Month

“Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto Me.”
Matthew 25:40

7 th & 8 th December 2024	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	S Crinall	M Cincotta, R Clarke, K Parrocho
7.30am	H De Costa	C & R Beloso
9.00am	C Gostimir	A Dam, S Spaul, I Lemalu
10.45am	R Gimeno	L Caballero, M Gambin, A Ortencio
6.00pm	J MacDonald	R Howell, C Joseph, J Connell
CHURCH COUNTERS		J Pasala, B Joseph, R D'mello

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

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 & Rosary in the Church.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Anetelea Fosio 0403 429 509

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: 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.

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>



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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 1ST DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING

1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants,

as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death

