



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



The Presentation of the Lord  
Year C  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## 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]

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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

Sr. Julie Ogbole [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

Parish Safeguarding Officer: John Kelly

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Email: [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto: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:** 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 & 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 9.30am

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month after  
9.30am Mass

### Baptisms

Sundays at 12.30pm by appointment. Baptism Information  
Session held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Dear Parishioners,** Please note Mass this Thursday will be celebrated at **8.30am**, as both priest have a meeting in Warragul.

Planning ahead, due to the Diocesan Assembly meetings, no morning or evening Masses will be celebrated on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and no morning or evening Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We apologise in advanced for any inconvenience.

As part of St Agatha's celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite parishioners celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year to contact the parish office with their details before the end of May. More information to follow. Fr Antony

**WE WELCOME AS CHILDREN OF GOD:** Kaia Barrientos Child of Rich & Eve.

**SAINT FOR THE YEAR:** You are invited to choose a slip of paper from the basket. It contains the name of a Saint, a quotation from the Saint's writings. You are encouraged to pray daily for the intention and to foster a devotion to the Saint in 2025.

**PARISH FEAST DAY:** Our parish feast day will be celebrated on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10.45am Mass followed by lunch at St Agatha's School Hall. The celebration will begin with 10.45am Mass followed by a procession of the St Agatha's 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 food from their country to share at the celebration. To assist with catering we ask that you write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer.

People who have kindly offered to help with food will be contacted during week to make arrangements.

Many hands make light work, we require volunteers to help set up the school hall after Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February and clean up on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> after the celebrations. Please contact the parish office, thank you.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** New rosters have been emailed this week.

**FUNERAL MASS** for Antonietta Di Rienzo will be held this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon with Rosary at 11.30am.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025:** Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm St Agatha's School Hall. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child.

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH DANCE: Youth Fundraiser** - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00pm Cranbourne Public Hall, 166-178 South Gippsland Hwy, Cranbourne. Food on sale, BYO drinks. Admission Adult \$30, Child (under 14) \$15, Children (under 5, no seat provided) free. Contact Parish Office, 5996 1985, Anita 0450 782 558, Bert 0417 147 343, Rosalie 0435 949 006 or Ritzel on 0448 155 611. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses or available from the parish office.

**THE LAMP:** "Reignite" 2025 Youth Conference, Pilgrims of Hope. For Years 7-9, year 10-12 and 18+ years. St Agatha's Parish, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. 12:30pm – 7.00pm. \$5 entry for more details contact St Agatha's Parish 5996 1985 or [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) to register go to <https://forms.gle/WeaopUZpQV4xt5LQ8>

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for children in Government Schools have resumed on Wednesday. Registration can be made online <https://stagathas.org.au/religious-education-classes-enrolment-form-2024.html> or at the Parish Office.

**DIVINE KIDS** Sunday Bible Class will resume on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in the parish hall.

**ENCOUNTER GOD JUBILEE HEALING MASS:** With Fr Michael Barry SS.CC. at St Agatha's on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.00pm.

**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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Resumes from 1<sup>st</sup> February Tuesday to Thursday: 8.30am - 9.00am followed by Divine Office: Morning prayer 9.00am – 9.15am

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN 2<sup>ND</sup> AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025:** Transport by bus from St Agatha's to Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. For those wishing to travel by bus, there will be a charge of \$10 per person. This will need to be paid by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to secure your space on the bus. Bus will leave St Agatha's at 7.00am. There will be Mothers Who Pray representative at ALL weekend Masses to help take your bookings. **Full name and contact details are required of everyone travelling on the bus.** Clipboards will be available from next weekend. For further information contact Maria on 0409 563 864. Event registration is required

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/1323469/sessions/5227518/sessions/2518158/tickets>

**DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE TWO REPORT:** The Diocesan Consultation Phase Two Report – 'LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT FIVE YEARS 2026-2030' is completed and is now available on the Diocese of Sale website: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/> Please keep the delegates in your prayers for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025). May the Holy Spirit continue to encourage us all to be people of communion and mission.

**INNER HEALING WORKSHOP:** OLHC Spiritual Renewal Ministry invites you for an Inner Healing Workshop. 8<sup>th</sup> February Session 1: 10.30am – 3.00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> March Session 2: 10.30am – 3.00pm. OLHC parish centre Narre Warren. Register contact Franko 0413 519 863 or Rony 0421 125 239.

**'MARRIAGE' WITH MATT AND CAMERON FRADD @ ACU,** Melbourne. Join internationally renowned speakers Matt and Cameron Fradd for an evening filled with inspiration, joy and practical wisdom on marriage. Whether you're single, engaged, newly married, or have been together for decades, this event will provide insights, encouragement and laughs for everyone. Cathedral Hall, ACU, Fitzroy, 6pm-9.30pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Tickets and Details: [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au) \$30 adults/ \$20 concession / Free for children under 10 and priests and religious. Tickets include live music and BBQ dinner.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.



**The Recently Deceased:** Antonietta Di Rienzo, Renny Concesso, Robert Pascoe,

**Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time:** Maxcy D'Souza, Alphous Lazar, Sr Margaret Tierney, Sr Magalene Yakubu, Renato & Ricardo Begonni, Fritzlin Bernard, Letoa Malia Amituana'I, Naomi Fuimaono, Beryl Francis, Letecia Estoy Monte, Marjorie Carr, Kuriakose Varkey, Simon John Chacko, Sr Margaret Darcy RSM, James Breen

**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, Gerrian Hillary Williams, Aiden Niggly, Denzil Moreira, Maria Nathan, Auxillia Johnson, Jacinta O'Neal, Gerard MacFarlane

*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 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	M Parrocho	R Sutherland, M Parrocho, M Cincotta
7.30am	R Beloso	H De Costa, P Joseph
9.00am	Y Prasetyo	C Pereira, T Dam, M Dam
10.45am	I Lemalu	L Cotacte, M Sombilion, C Tyminski
6.00pm	D Hughes	A Ulu, J MacDonald, C Joseph
CHURCH COUNTERS		A Thomas, A Estrada, R Estrada

8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat Vigil 6.00pm	S Crinall	R Clarke, K Parrocho, C D'Lima
7.30am	H De Costa	T Heldt, M Vechoorettu
9.00am	C Gostimir	G Nelson, J Raudino, A Dam
10.45am	L Cotacte	A Ortencio, L Gillespie, T Lupeamanu
6.00pm		Volunteer, J Connell, E Clinch
CHURCH COUNTERS		R/C Beloso, M Rodrigues, L Noronha

#### ST. AGATHA'S VOICE FOR LIFE



**MASS FOR THE UNBORN – 9.30am Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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*

#### ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH GROUPS

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

**Invigorate (12+)** youth meeting: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am

**INVICTUS [Age 18+]:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP>



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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



## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

### **FIRST READING**

*Malachi 3:1-4*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!***

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

### **SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!***

### **GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us Saviour ... ..