



# St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**The Presentation of the Lord  
Year A  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

## 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)

**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 Ogbale [St Thomas the Apostle Parish]

## Parish Safe Guarding Officers:

Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin ☎ 5996 1985

**Email:** [cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:cranbourne.safety@cdsale.org.au)

**Parish Secretaries:** Sue Ryan & Tina 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

## ST. AGATHA'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 6.00pm

## Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** 9.30am

**Tuesday:** 9.30am

**Wednesday:** 9.30am St. Agatha's Whole School

**Thursday:** 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Friday:** 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Saturday:** 9.30am

## Reconciliation/Confession

Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am

## Mass for Vocations

Saturdays 9.30am

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 10.00am - 11.00am

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am

First Friday of the Month: 8.30pm - 9.00am

**Adoration Chapel:** 24/7 Entry to the chapel is via a PIN code, obtained through the Parish Office.

**Healing Mass** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month at 6.00pm

**First Saturday Mass at 9.30am**

In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Friday Mass** 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and all-night Adoration

**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  
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

## 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 Hall. [Bookings may be made through the parish website or by visiting the parish office]

## Marriages

6 months' notice requested

## We warmly welcome Fr. Joseph back from Nigeria.

Our new Assistant Priest, Fr Stanly Devasia, will be beginning on 25<sup>th</sup> February. We thank Fr Jayakody Francis for assisting until his arrival.

Welcome back to school, we pray God's blessing for all our Parish schools, students, families and staff, Government and Private at the beginning of a new school year.

**ALL MINISTERS AND LECTORS** who are rostered to assist this weekend at Mass are invited to process into the Church before Mass with a candle, for the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.

**WE WELCOME AS A CHILD OF GOD:** Penelope Klanja-Fazzino, child of Domenic & Isabel.

**NOVENA TO ST. AGATHA** will be prayed for nine days during Masses from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020:** Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. **Please note ALL** meetings are obligatory and are held in St Agatha's school Hall. Parents need to attend only one session, no need to bring your child. For more information contact Sr Mary on 5996 1985

**ST. AGATHA'S PARISH FEAST DAY:** The Feast Day of our Patron, St Agatha will be celebrated on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February during the 10.45am Mass, followed by a procession of the St Agatha' statue from the Church to the school hall. We will officially thank and farewell Fr Antony for his time at St Agatha's. A lunch will be held 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. Please write your details and food that you will be bringing on the clipboard in the foyer. 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. **Plastic cups and plates may be single-use, but that does not mean it is easily disposable for our environment. This year we urge everyone to bring their own reusable cup and plate for the feast day luncheon.**

**ST AGATHA'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Monday Group resume this week 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 10.30am (after Mass) till 12.00 noon. All welcome! Inquiries phone Jacinta on 0426 973 026.

**HEALING MASS:** No healing Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**JUNIOR RCIA:** Classes resume today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb after 9.00am Mass.

**MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL** will take place this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. It will begin with Divine Office at 7.00pm, Mass at 7.30pm followed by a spiritual teaching and All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. **The all-night Prayer Vigil is held on the first Friday of each month.** All Welcome!

**RE CLASSES:** Do you have children who attend Government Schools Grades 1-6? If so you may wish to enrol them for the Catechetical Program which is held on Wednesday's during school terms 4pm to 5pm in the hall. Please note new enrolments for 2020 will make their sacraments in 2021. Please collect enrolment forms from the parish office. Classes resume on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm. For enquires contact Sr Faustina on 5996 1985.

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTERS:** Have been emailed this week, copies are available from the table in the foyer.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONVERSATION:** Bishop Patrick invites Parishioners are invited to join in a Lenten Conversation at The Abbey, Raymond Island on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 from 10.00am till 3.30pm. Cost \$20 per person for catering, to RSVP contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au) See invitation letter on the notice board in the foyer.

**SACRAMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN:** If you have a special needs child/adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and or First Communion? Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Agatha's early this year for this ceremony. Please contact the parish office to register your details on 5996 1985.

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES:** 9.00am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses are Live Streamed, for those parishioners who are home bound and are unable to attend Mass. Please go to <https://www.youtube.com/StAgathasParishCranbourne>

**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.

**TRUSTING GROUP:** The Trusting Group gathers fortnightly, beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in Providence House. All Welcome!

**CAR RAFFLE:** 3 new Suzuki Baleno cars to be won & 11 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer in this amazing raffle. Tickets on sale at the Parish Feast Day & after all weekend Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19. Drawn on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020. **If you can help sell tickets please contact the Parish Office ASAP on 5996 1985.**

**CHILD SAFETY CORNER:** Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged CatholicCare to conduct a series of training sessions for the clergy, parish employees and **ALL volunteers** across the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Patrick O'Regan states: "Attendance at these sessions will ensure that all clergy, parish employees and volunteers grow in understanding of legislation and the practical implications underpinning child and vulnerable adult safety within organisations and institutions. .... It is my expectation that by April 2020 ..... all clergy, parish employees and volunteers will have attended a training session." A training session for St Agatha's parish will be conducted on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 at 10.00am in the Church.** All employees, parish council members and volunteers are requested to register your participation online at: <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/category/30/child-safe-training> or [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) The training session is expected to take about 2½ hours. There will be no charge as it is sponsored by the Diocese of Sale. It includes a training booklet, tea and coffee. **For more training dates:** OLHC Narre Warren Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am-12.30pm.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? I welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you. Spiritual direction takes place individually at Providence House. Each session is totally confidential and is for approx. 1 hr per month by appointment only. Contact Ruth 0477 800 161 or email [rspierings1@hotmail.com](mailto:rspierings1@hotmail.com)

**90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:** St Joseph's Primary School Trafalgar will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, beginning with Mass at 10.00am followed by Open School, social gathering. Please RSVP by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March on 5633 1151 [office@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au) or [loconnel@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au](mailto:loconnel@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au)

**TOUCH OF HEAVEN:** A unique faith filled experience of the healing power of The Lord, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. St. Mary's Church, 160 Foster Street, Dandenong. 6.30pm Rosary, 7.00pm Mass followed by Alan Ames talk and healing ministry. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening. For more info see flyer on the notice board in the Church foyer.

**2020 STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS CONFERENCE:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre) A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. You are invited to this free event. For more information flyers are available in the church foyer or visit [www.strengthinweakness.com.au](http://www.strengthinweakness.com.au)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St John's Anglican Church Cranbourne. Zimbabwe theme, if you would like to join the planning committee please contact Diane on 0409 435 769.

**YOUTH CORNER:** If you would like to join our Parish Youth Group and meet other's in the Parish please Contact Sr. Mary on 5996 1985 or Tavonga on 0488 683 256. The first L.A.M.P youth event for this year will be held at OLHC Parish, Narre Warren on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdteWigSfdFIFjwBr56SgP9QkIK8MwUqHHLnohsjuoKx-kDw/viewform>

