



St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne



**The Presentation of the Lord
Year A
2nd 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

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 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 1st 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: 1st Friday of the Month 9.30am

Holy Hour for the Unborn - 1st Friday of the Month
7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

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

PARISH NEWS

We warmly welcome Fr. Joseph back from Nigeria.

Our new Assistant Priest, Fr Stanly Devasia, will be beginning on 25th 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 27th Jan – Tuesday 4th Feb.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020: Information & Parent Workshop Wednesday 5th February at 7.00pm or Wednesday 12th 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 23rd 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 3rd 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 2nd February.

JUNIOR RCIA: Classes resume today Sunday 2nd Feb after 9.00am Mass.

MONTHLY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will take place this Friday 7th 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 5th 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 21st 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 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.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A Netflix for Catholics, free for all parishioners! Collect a flyer, from the foyer, on how to join and logon with the parish code.

2QKKNB Every week, Formed highlight different content.

This week: Everyday Heroes

<https://watch.formed.org/everyday-heroes>

TRUSTING GROUP: The Trusting Group gathers fortnightly, beginning on 3rd 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 6th 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 22nd 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 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 12th March 7pm-9.30pm, St Michael's Berwick Saturday 14th March 2.00pm-4.30pm and St Patrick's Pakenham Saturday 21st 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

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

TOUCH OF HEAVEN: A unique faith filled experience of the healing power of The Lord, on Thursday 6th 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 15th 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th 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 22nd Feb from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdteWigSfdFIFjwBr56SqP9Qk tK8MwUgHLLnohsjioKx-kDw/viewform>



The Recently Deceased: Felix Opiekan, Pauline Trulock, Theresamma Karumathy

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Karsh Danford, Seigbert & Olga Alves, Varghese Nellikunnel, Sr Magdalene Yakubu, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Francis Paul, Briton & Douglas Rodrigo, Marjorie Carr, James Breen, Whiteside & Beadel families

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, David Fernando, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle

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 Secretaries 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 - The Presentation of the Lord Yr A: Malachi 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

| 1 / 2 Feb Rosters | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers - Christmas Masses see roster in Church foyer | Welcomers |
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| Sat Vigil | T Heldt | T Heldt, R Trevisan, L Lim, T de Pradines, K Jolley, P Hunt, Volunteer | R Estrada |
| 7.30am | M Lutu | D Krella, M Soni, L Adikari | K Martini |
| 9.00am | S Borsodi | D Barker, F Guimmarra, G Spierings, L Ahsio, P Joseph, J Seeborun | C Pocock |
| 10.45am | J Gunn | T Felise, L Caballero, M Auvale, R Alejandro, S Lucas, A Ortencio, J Thomas, N Autlia | D Deri |
| 6.00pm | Y Prasetyo | C James, L Booth, R Lupeamanu, E Abraham, V Prasetyo, Volunteer, T Hummel | |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | | No Children's Liturgy | |
| CHURCH COUNTERS | | C D'Lima, L Cresswell, D Barker | |
| CHURCH CLEANERS | 3- 8 Feb | L Caballero, S Joseph, L Clark | |
| 8/9 Feb Rosters | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | Welcomers |
| Sat Vigil | A Heldt | A Hughes, C D'Lima, N Carter, T Heldt, R Weinman, L Lim, T de Pradines | B Harris |
| 7.30am | A Quintal | A Quintal, P Martin, D Krella | R Macapagal |
| 9.00am | P Spierings | L Ah Sio, G Raudino, R Spierings, M Parrocho, M & A Dam, T Marinelli | J & H Speelmeyer |
| 10.45am | P Schreurs | P Schreurs, L & G Clark, R Holsinger, L & C Tyminski, L Fosio, M Gambin | R Afaese |
| 6.00pm | A Ah Sui | E Evans, C Joseph, S Ganesh, T Treacy, J Connell, C James, L Booth | M Maroney |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | | S & A Lucas | |
| CHURCH COUNTERS | | P & T Dam, J McLean | |
| CHURCH CLEANERS | 10-15 Feb | T & R Abraham & Family | |

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 & Rosary in the Church.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church. Enq: Leo 5995 6813

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Mon 10.30am Parish Hall Ph Jacinta 0426973026, Wed 7.30pm Providence. Ph: John 0448343074

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 GROUP INVIGORATE Jnr [Age 10-13] INVIGORATE Snr [Age 14-17] & AGAPE [Age 18+]: Meet 3rd Sunday of the month 12noon to 3.00pm after 10.45am Youth Mass. Enq: Sr Mary 5996 1985

AGAPE [Age 18-35] YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Meet 1st & 2nd Sunday 7.15pm - 9.00pm. Enquiries 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: Tuesdays 9am-11am during school terms in St. Agatha's Hall. Contact Sr Victoria 5996 1985

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: 3rd Friday of the Month. Enquiries: Anita 5995 5545

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Parish Pastoral Council members are a means of communication for perceived needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Mass today. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the stone pillar in the foyer next to the welcome table or to register on our website at <https://www.stagathas.org.au/new-parishioners>

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

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

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