



Petrie Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Our Lady of the Way—38 Armstrong Street, Petrie & St Francis Xavier—135 McKenzie Street, Dayboro.

Petrie Catholic Community is a dynamic, growing Christian church committed to bringing the message of Jesus Christ to all.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 26th December 2021

Wishing the parishioners of Our Lady of the Way and your loved ones the blessings of this Christmas Season. No matter the joys and struggles we have faced during 2021, or what the New Year 2022 holds for us, today we can "be united in spirit and pray for each other at the Crib and at the Altar". Let's never forget what Pope St John Paul II said: "Christmas is not a day or a Season, it is a way of living". May the mystery of Christmas continue to inspire us as we live out OUR VISION as a parish Community.

As we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives in different ways. No doubt this year has brought joys and sadness in different measure to each person, all colouring our memories of 2021.

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas had something of that peace, joy and celebration. Such joyful celebrations may not have been possible for some of you due to the loss of a loved one since last Christmas, or you may have been burdened by financial stress, family problems or other reasons.

At Our Lady of the Way, Petrie, we have seen some exciting changes that have occurred during the year. We have a new church sign that will enable us to see the church and its various buildings in the campus. A long cherished dream of having a columbarium for the beloved departed family members and relatives of our parishioners has seen fruition. We are also installing a new statute of Our Lady of the Way in our new columbarium. But stay tuned – we have more exciting things coming your way as we strive to be a growing parish, serving our community and promoting God's mission for us.

Some of our achievements this year are:

- **New Parish Pastoral Council Team
- **New RCIA Team
- ** Youth (Young Adults) gathering at parish level
- **Special Prayers for the departed souls in November
- **Year of St. Joseph Special prayers during Mass



The following are some statistics and highlights we observed in the past year. As a parish we celebrated 32 Baptisms, 25 First Holy Communions, 28 Confirmations and 12 Funeral Services.

I am pleased to inform you that from 1st Jan to 20th December 2021, 236 holy masses were requested for various intentions and offered. Thank you for your trust in the Lord.

Many people have been involved in taking the initiative to bring about new innovations. We give thanks for the many parishioners who have given generously of their time and talents in making this parish such an energetic and faith-filled community.

Thank you for helping us along the journey. May you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas season and in the New Year 2022.

With Sincere prayers and Blessings,
Fr. Geo Francis



Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES for 26th December
Saturday 25th December Vigil 6pm Petrie
Sunday 26th December 8am Petrie
& 10am Dayboro
No weekday Masses until 3/1/2022

Please note there is not evening Mass Sunday 26th December

THANKS FROM THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY PETRIE CONFERENCE

On behalf of those people less fortunate than ourselves we say 'THANKS' for your kindness and generosity for helping with the collection of donated items, sorting, packing and delivery of this year's more than 90 Christmas Hampers. Also we thank you for your cash donations which amounted to \$6,346. This year we distributed more than \$8,000 in gift cards as well as Christmas cakes, puddings, custard and mince pies - this total includes North Lakes SVDP conference as well as ours.

A special thanks to the schools, OLOTW Petrie, Mt MARIA Petrie, St BENEDICTS junior and senior schools, North Lakes.

We would not have been able to complete this project without your help.

May you experience the Peace, Joy and Love of Christmas and enjoy a happy, healthy and safe 2022.



In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code below.



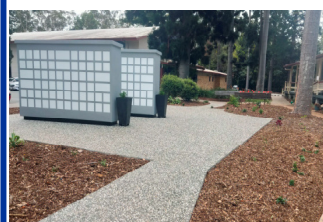
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25/12/21 - 7/01/22

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The Archdiocese and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services and has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.



PARISH COLUMBARIUM It has been a long tradition of the Catholic Church to provide a sacred site as a final resting place for those of our community who have passed away. Our Columbarium provides a peaceful atmosphere on a Tom Petrie Homestead site and surrounded by heritage trees. Families and friends are able to pray and remember loved ones. Within the columbarium grounds, beautiful memorial gardens with bush rocks provide an opportunity for placement of memorial plaques. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the **Parish Office at 3285 6759, petrie@bne.catholic.net.au**



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