



Petrie Catholic Parish

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C 13th March 2022

Participating in the heart of God by Richard Leonard

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.



Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. Nothing we do stops God from loving us.

God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.'

Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.'

And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too.

In the process God may move from being an idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tues, Wed & Friday

8.30am - 3.00pm

Closed Thursday

Parish Website

www.petriecatholic.com

Parish Facebook Page

Petrie Catholic Parish

Archdiocesan Prevention & Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mass Times

Weekdays:

PETRIE

Mon 14th Feb — 8.00am

Wed 16th March — 8:00am

Fri 18th March — 8.00am

DAYBORO

Thurs 17th March —9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 19th March - 6.00pm

Sun 20th March - 8.00am

Sun 20th March - 5.30pm

(Contact Parish Office 3285 6759)

DAYBORO

Sun 20th March — 10.00am

(Contact Nora 0409 784 071)

Reconciliation:

By appointment.

Contact the Parish Office

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Parish Diary:

Monday 14th March

7-830pm Seeds of Hope Prayer meeting via Zoom—Meeting

ID: 662 852 748

Password: 521023

Ph: Rosa 3886 1661

Tuesday 15th March

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 16th March

8.30am—10.00am: Adoration following the 8.00am Mass

6.30pm: Parish Council meeting

Thursday 17th March

6.30pm: Finance Board meeting

Friday 18th March

8.30am: Stations of the Cross *Petrie*

9:00 am Mother's Prayers

In Our Lady of the Way Church

Music practice

Wednesday 30th March

7:30pm

Parish Notices

The next **ROSTERS** commence 8th May to 3rd July, please advise of your availability by 3rd April.

We are very much in need of new ministers across all the Masses. If you wish to be part of a ministry please call the parish office to add your name to the Roster to serve at the Mass of your choice.

Ph 3285 6759

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly, to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, the chances are, there are families facing hardship within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the St Vincent de Paul Society and our parish Conference team responds offering them food, financial support and very importantly, we bring them the love of Jesus and the love of our community.

If you know someone in need, invite them to call 1800 846 643 and we will do our best to help. If you would like to join us and help, contact Paul Finch on 0421048281 or email membership.bris@svdpqld.org.au.

Praying the Rosary

For people in Ukraine 19/20th March

30mins before the start of ALL Masses at Petrie.

The war in Ukraine is escalating and we may feel sad and helpless, but Mary has given us a weapon far greater and that is the Rosary. Mary has asked us to pray the Rosary daily for peace.

Ukraine is in great need of our prays, please join us by praying the Rosary for peace.

Mary Queen of Peace – Pray for us

SYNOD 2023

You now have until **MARCH 13** to make a submission for the international Synod, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians.

Local Retreat Opportunities during Lent

Women's Retreat: Saturday March 19

Journeying to the Cross with Jesus

Retreat Director: Grace Harwood

Location: Holy Cross Church Kippa-Ring.

When: Saturday March 19, 9am-3pm (Concluding with Mass).

Please bring a packed lunch. **Morning tea** will be provided.

Please book through the following link: [Deanery Women's Retreat Registration](#)
or email the Parish Office admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au (or Phone 3490 1768).

Men's Retreat: Saturday April 2

Living Faith in Troubled Times

Retreat Director: Fr Joe Duffy

Location: Holy Cross Church Kippa-Ring.

When: Saturday April 2, 9am-3pm (Concluding with Mass).

Please bring a packed lunch. **Morning tea** will be provided.

Please book through the following link: [Deanery Men's Retreat Registration](#)
or email the Parish Office admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au (or Phone 3490 1768).



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—



Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability.

To assist you to support the Parish during this time of isolation, you can now give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>.



Project Compassion Sunday 12 & 13 March

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au,



**CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C

**First reading - Book of
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**
**2nd Reading St Paul to the
Cointhians 10:1-6, 10-12**
Gospel Reading Luke: 13:1-9

Please remember in your prayers the sick in our community:

Bryan Carmichael, Mary Carmichael, Scott Hines, Barry Guest, Pita Nepata, Norma Quinn, Marcus Neudecker, Noela Corby, Christina Peters, Terry Segrave, Steven Williams, Rohan Somasekaran, Thomas Bird, Bradley Wright, Greg Olsson-Lalor, Nina & Raymond Dove, Tia Huff, Vera Versace, Michelle Woodworth, Abbie Wellspring, Lloyd Mason, Gina Morieni, Nicole Blackburn, Tim McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Ghishiane Smidt, Patrick Bosworth, Brian Langton, Frank Christensen, Michael Bartsch, Donna Harrison, and Brian Langton



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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