



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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11TH DECEMBER, 2022

REFLECTION

The Missal's entrance antiphon (Phil 4:4,5) that long ago gave today its epithet, Gaudete Sunday, and it sets the scene to receive the first reading that launches into the same message of joyful preparation already noted on the previous Sundays of Advent. It now comes even more forcefully (translated slightly differently here): let the wilderness be glad, rejoice and bloom; let it bloom plentifully, rejoice exceedingly and ring out – God is coming to save! Hearing this, and seeing our trees and summer plants in bloom, how can anyone think flowers out of place in churches where we celebrate the coming Saviour, both as the eternal judge to come and the babe already born? Being delightfully mindful of God's saving deeds in the past, as Isaiah's people were of the great exodus from Egypt and we are of the newborn Christ-child and his resurrection, this reading calls all to a joyful anticipation of what is to be, the foretaste now of the not yet. This therefore does not deny the current reality of difficulties encountered and the problems we face, but the hope it conveys encourages the burdened as if lightening the load. There is a wise psychology at work in this mode, for people find it easier to change when they see and want what is to be gained than when they are ground down by reminders of what will go wrong if they don't; when faced with a need to make a major change in life people find working towards a pleasing goal is psychologically easier and more productive than working to avoid punishment.

The responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) echoes some of the first reading as its antiphon introduces the cry that soon becomes predominant in Advent: Come Lord! Why should anyone beg what they dread to come? No, it is the earnest desire for the salvation the Lord brings that stirs the call to him to come. The psalm also shares the image of the blind gaining sight that will be heard again in the gospel (Matt 11:2-11), and it adds more of these positives: the hungry are fed, prisoners are freed, the bowed down are lifted up. John the Baptist is with us again this Sunday, but now he is in prison, and he asks confirmation that Jesus is the one who is to come. The message sent back to him is, like Isaiah's to the exiles, the consolation of good news, but rather than these good things being still to come they are now being made present. However, we still find ourselves in between the now and net yet; salvation has come in Christ, and yet it is still being brought to fulfilment, and anything coming to fulfilment still has obstacles to surpass. Our second reading, from the letter of James (5:7-10), urges patience; as for the farmer, the crop has been planted but the harvest is still to come, and in the meantime it still needs the grace of rain. We might add that it also needs vigilant oversight to be able deal with weeds and pests.

However, our summer's heat can also be draining, even frightening when accompanied by the real danger of fire in some parts of the country and of catastrophic storms in others. The message in the Missal's Communion antiphon seeks to encourage the faint of heart, those tiring with the struggle. But, in as much as our own profligacy has contributed to the current dangers, we must also remember last Sunday's message does not say "Continue as you are; God will sort it out" but rather "Prepare the way", a call to action. Instead of acting simply from fear, or being overwhelmed by it, it would be better for us to acknowledge the presence of God already here manifest in the wonderful work that is creation; delighting in and loving God's gift as God does surely is a stronger impetus to change, for love of God.

Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 3 Advent - Year A

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



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Closed Thursday

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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.

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WHATS ON THIS WEEK

Mass Times

Weekdays:

PETRIE

Mon 12th December — 8:00 am

Wed 14th December — 8:00 am

Fri 16th December — 8:00 am

DAYBORO

Thurs 8th December — 9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 17th December — 6.00pm

Sun 18th December — 8.00am

Sun 18th December — 5.30pm

(Contact Parish Office 3285 6759)

DAYBORO

Sun 18th December — 10.00am

Reconciliation:

By appointment.

Contact the Parish Office

PLEASE NOTE

**PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED FROM
24th DECEMBER 2022
TO 8th JANUARY 2023**



***There will be no
newsletters during
this time***



**PRAYING THE
ROSARY for World
Peace will continue to
take place prior to
each Mass at Petrie.**

Parish Notices

Whats on this Week:

Monday 12th December:

7:00pm — 8:30pm Seeds of Hope Prayer meeting via Zoom— Meeting ID: 662 852 748
Password: 521023. Ph: Rosa 3886 1661

Wednesday 14th December:

8.30am—Adoration following Mass

7.00pm—Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday 17th December:

2.30pm—Spanish Mass—Petrie

Upcoming Parish Events

Friday 20th January:

8.45am—Fathers Prayers, OLW Church

Friday 27th January:

9:00am—Mothers Prayers in the Parish Office Prayer Room

Friday 3rd February:

8.00am— Anointing Mass—OLW Petrie

8.45am—Fathers Prayers—Petrie Church

9:00am—Mothers Prayers in the Parish Office Prayer Room

Monday 6th February:

9.00am - Parish Social Gathering—Community Centre

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**Will be held this Wednesday
14th December at
7.00pm**



Our Lady of the Way

***If you are able to assist with
leader, reader, data etc please
put your name on the form at
the back of the Church table at
Petrie or you can contact the
Parish Office***



We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jabu Jabu people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work today. We pay respect to elders both past, present and emerging. We stand together with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders of today, tomorrow and always.

Parish News and Archdiocesan Events

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses:

Saturday 24th December

- * 6pm Mass at Petrie in the School Hall
- * 8pm Mass at Dayboro
- * 10pm Mass at Petrie



Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 25th December

- * 8:00 am Petrie

Please note this is the only Mass for Christmas Day.

Parish ICON Project

We would like to raise funds to purchase vibrant new Icons to replace the very faded ones that currently hang above the Sanctuary at Petrie Parish.

A parishioner has published a book called 'Treasure in the Field' which offers poetic glimpses into Scripture and Life. 100 copies are available to purchase.

Take some time after Mass to browse through the pages.

Perfect for Christmas Giving

The books **cost \$20 each** with \$5.00 from every purchase being donated to this project.

Credit card payment option available.

Books available from the Hospitality Desk or Parish Office

CHRISTMAS MASS PETRIE:

ROSTERS

Help is needed for the Christmas Masses at Petrie. Readers, Leaders, Communion Ministers, Data, Sacristan, Car Park Attendants, Ushers, Marshalls, Collectors.

SETUP

Assistance is also required for the setting up of the school hall for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Setting up will take place on FRIDAY 23rd Dec at 2pm.

- ◆ Setting up the crib
- ◆ Putting out chairs and tables
- ◆ Setting the altar area

WE REALLY NEED YOU HELP!!!

If you can assist please leave your details on the sheet in the foyer of the Church.

Uganda Kids Christmas Raffle:

This beautifully handmade quilt could be yours.

Tickets will be sold on 11th & 18th December and drawn on 18th December

\$2 each or 3 for \$5



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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st reading—Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading St Paul's letter to the Romans 1:1-7

Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24

Please remember in your prayers the sick in our community:

Bryan Carmichael, Mary Carmichael, Scott Hines, Norma Quinn, Marcus Neudecker, Noela Corby, Terry Segrave, Steven Williams, Rohan Somasekaran, Thomas Bird, Bradley Wright, Greg Olsson-Lalor, Nina & Raymond Dove, Tia Huff, Vera Versace, Abbie Wellspring, Gina Morieni, Tim McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Patrick Bosworth, Neil and Susan Casey, Frank Christensen, Michael Bartsch, Donna Harrison.



Please Note: These names will be removed after 2 months. If you wish for them to remain on longer please ring the Parish Office.



PARISH COLUMBARIUM

Have you reserved your niche?

Constructed in 2021 on the Tom Petrie Homestead site surrounded by heritage trees and lovely gardens. Our aim is to provide a peaceful and respectful atmosphere, which enables family and friends to pray for and reflect on their loved ones who have passed away.

There are four walls with both single and double niches, each is named and dedicated to - Our Lady of the Way, St Joseph, St Francis Xavier and St Mary McKillop.

If you wish to find out more please contact the Parish Office on 3285 6759 or email: petrie@bne.catholic.net.au



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