



# 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.*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER, 2022

### JOHN THE BAPTIST: A MARVELOUS ADVENT MODEL

Advent is a time we reflect on Lord's coming in History, Mystery and in Majesty. In history the coming our Lord in the historic person of Jesus of Nazareth, in mystery WORD becoming flesh through the mystery of incarnation and in Majesty the second coming Our Lord in glory.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah is the prophecy of a new future in Israel's history to be delivered by a ruler on whom the spirit of the Lord will rest and he would be able to judge justice for the poor and lowly of the land. The people of God much awaited for the coming of Messiah. This prophecy was fulfilled in the incarnation of Jesus who came to save the humanity from the clutches of sin.

The second reading from Romans invites us to be people of hope with "steadfastness and encouragement". The gospel Reading (Mt. 3:1-12) presents the marvelous advent model of John the Baptist who prepared himself and a nation for Lord's coming.

John the Baptism prepared himself and Israel for Lord's coming through two ways.

Firstly, by **preaching Baptism of Repentance**.

Baptism of repentance preached by John two fundamental aspects namely identification of sins and repentance over sins. John wanted everyone of the land to be prepared for messiah's coming through repentance. That is why he called Pharisees and Sadducees "Brood Vipers" as they had no intention of a change of heart. (Mt. 3:7).

Secondly, by his own **life and example**.

The words of John were so powerful as it drew people from all over Israel as gospel narrates it as follows - "Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him..." (Mt. 3:5). As the proverbial saying, "actions speaks louder than words", John the Baptist's deeds and life spoke louder than his powerful words!

**Austerity** in the life style of John was seen in his attire and diet. "John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey." (Mt. 3:4). All these expressed his simple and devote life in preparation for Lord's coming.

John's **humility** is seen in his witness to Jesus on Jesus' arrival to be baptized by John. "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am--so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Mt. 3:11). John pronounced these words when he was at the peak of popularity and glory. John teaches us that humility always leaves a space for God to work miracles.

In advent, looking into John the Baptist as an advent model, let us give priority to repentance before we would go for shopping, parties and make material preparations. A good advent confession and recollection would be the best possible way of preparation for Christmas.

I wish you and your family an Advent season of hope, joy and peace and that the power of the Holy Spirit fills your heart. May your Christmas be a joyous time with family and friends near and far and may you be safe and healthy.

Peace and Blessings! Health, Happiness, and Blessings to all this season!

With Sincere Prayers,

FR.GEO FRANCIS

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tues, Wed & Friday  
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### Closed Thursday

### Parish Website

www.petriecatholic.com

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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.

*Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility.*

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## WHATS ON THIS WEEK

### Mass Times

#### Weekdays:

#### PETRIE

Mon 5th December — 8:00 am

Wed 7th December — 8:00 am

Fri 9th December — 8:00 am

#### DAYBORO

Thurs 8th December — 9:00 am

#### Weekends:

#### PETRIE

Sat 10th December — 6.00pm

Sun 11th December — 8.00am

Sun 11th December — 5.30pm

(Contact Parish Office 3285 6759)

#### DAYBORO

Sun 11th December — 10.00am

### Reconciliation:

*By appointment.*

*Contact the Parish Office*

## 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.**

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

for World Peace will continue to take place prior to each Mass at Petrie.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders of today, tomorrow and always.

We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jabji Jabji 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

## Parish Notices

### Parish Diary:

#### Monday 5th December:

7:00pm — 8:30pm Seeds of Hope Prayer meeting via Zoom— Meeting ID: 662 852 748

Password: 521023. Ph: Rosa 3886 1661

9.00am—Parish Social Gathering at Petrie Community Centre.

#### Tuesday 6th December

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

#### Wednesday 7th December:

8.30am—Adoration following Mass

#### Friday 9th December:

10.00am— Liturgy Meeting, Parish Office

#### Saturday 10th December

8:00am St Vincent De Paul Hamper Delivery

## Sacrament of Baptism:



This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome

### Beatrice & Dominique Alfonso

At Our Lady of the Way, Petrie

*Congratulations to these children*

*and their family on this special day.*

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION



*Advent Reconciliation*

Will be held on the  
14th December at  
7.00pm

at Our Lady of the Way

*If you are able to assist with leader, reader, data etc please put you name on the form at the back of the Church table at Petrie or you can contact the Parish Office by 9th December*

## Parish News and Archdiocesan Events

### St VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPER CASH APPEAL

*This weekend the Petrie Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its once only annual appeal for cash at each of the four masses.*



Any help you could give would be appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves.

The appeal is to help fund Christmas Hampers for needy people on our area. You can donate by Mastercard/Visa if that is more convenient.

Also we need helpers on the following date:

**Saturday 10th December from 8:00 am  
at the School Hall for delivery of hampers.**

PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE NOTICE PAPER  
AT THE PIETY STALL AFTER MASS.

### 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**



### PLEASE NOTE

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

*There will be no newsletters during this time*

### 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.

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



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**1st reading—Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10**

**2nd Reading St Paul's letter to James 5:7-10**

**Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11**

**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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