



# 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 Lent—Year A 12th March 2023

### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter



The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to 'living water'.

The reference to the woman's five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem. Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon 'true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth'. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place and law.

Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah. The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him.

### REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The woman at the well did not ask Jesus for a favour. Jesus asked her for a favour. She had the bucket. He wanted a drink. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man. She is a Samaritan and a woman – both characteristics a Jewish man was raised to look down on. Yet, she dares to question and argue with Jesus. As rugged as she is, she recognises what is special in Jesus and she wants that living water he is talking about. She is so convinced he is the Messiah that she leaves her bucket behind as she runs off to tell others the good news. She won Jesus so many followers that he stayed with them for two days. She is a weed, a flower and a rebel, all rolled into one.

Do you know anyone like the Samaritan woman – someone who seems so unholy and so holy at the same time? someone hard to figure out? Do you feel like that sometimes? Why or why not?

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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## WHATS ON THIS WEEK

### Mass Times

#### Weekdays:

#### PETRIE

Mon 13th March — 8.00 am

Wed 15th March — 8:00 am

Fri 17th March — 8:00 am

#### DAYBORO

Thurs 16th March — 9.00 am

#### Weekends:

#### PETRIE

Sat 18th March — 6.00 pm

Sun 19th March — 8.00 am

Sun 19th March — 5.30 pm

#### DAYBORO

Sun 19th March — 10.00 am

### Reconciliation:

*By appointment.*

*Contact the Parish Office*



## Lent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

**Wednesday 29/3 at 7pm**

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

**Holy Thursday—6th April  
7.00pm, Petrie**

**Good Friday - 7th April  
9.30am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm The Lord's Passion  
Petrie**

**Easter Saturday Vigil  
8th April—7.00pm, Petrie**

**Easter Sunday 9th April  
8.00am, Petrie  
10.00am Dayboro  
No Evening Mass**



*We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jabi Jabi 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 Notices

### Whats on this Week:

#### Sunday 12th March:

9.00am—First Reconciliation Workshop  
Petrie Church & Practice

#### Monday 13th March:

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

#### Wednesday 15th March:

8.30am—10.00am: Adoration following Mass  
3.30pm— First Reconciliation—Petrie Church  
6.30pm—PPC Meeting—Dayboro

#### Thursday 16th March:

10.00am—Parish Coffee Club—Dayboro

#### Friday 17th March:

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

10.00am—Liturgy Meeting—Parish Office

6.30pm— Paddy Mania—Jack's Place Dayboro

#### Saturday 18th March:

2.30pm—Spanish Mass—Petrie

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### Monday 20th March:

*No Seeds of Hope Prayer meeting*

#### Wednesday 22nd March:

8.30am—10.00am: Adoration following Mass

#### Thursday 23rd March:

6.30pm RCIA Session (Church)

#### Friday 24th March:

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

7.00pm - Faith Night—Bishop Tim Norton SVD

#### Sunday 26th March:

8.00am: Baptism Welcome Mass & Preparation Session

#### Monday 27th March:

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

#### Wednesday 29th March:

7.00pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation

#### Thursday 30th March:

6.30pm RCIA Session (Church)

#### Friday 31st March:

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

## Parish News and Archdiocesan Events

### PARISH COFFEE CLUB

**MARCH COFFEE CLUB HAS  
BEEN CANCELLED.**

Our next Coffee Club will be held on  
Friday 21st April

### Sacrament of Baptism:

This weekend through the Sacrament  
of Baptism we welcome



**Archie Moore**

at Our Lady of the Way, Petrie

*Congratulations to Archie & his family  
on this special day.*

## Paddy Mania

Trivia Night—Friday 17th March 2023

6.30pm for 7.00pm Start

Jack's Place—St Francis Xavier

Book a table—\$20 per person

Contact Pauline 0421699184

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

March Edition for Sale \$4

## FAITH NIGHT

Friday 24th March

Commencing at 7.00 pm

Our Lady of the Way Church

Guest Speaker  
Bishop Tim Norton SVD  
Refreshments to follow.

### Raise the Roof Benefit Concert

ROBERT ROSS

Date & Time: 26/03/2023, 2pm-4pm

Place: Br Timothy Peter Centre  
290 Scarborough Rd, Scarborough

Cost: \$20

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(cash or square facility available)



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Opening Soon

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Third Sunday of Lent  
11 & 12 March



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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent —Year A**

**First Reading — Book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7**

**Second reading —St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Gospel—John 9:1-41**

**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, Gina Morieni, Tim McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Patrick Bosworth, Neil and Susan Casey, Frank Christensen, Michael Bartsch, Bernie Bartsch, Donna Harrison.



**THERE IS NO GIFT MORE PRECIOUS THAN PRAYER—Fr Benedict Groeschel**



**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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