



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 —Year B 17th December 2023

Like Mary, we are called to recognise the Messiah among us and to rejoice in what we see.

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Witness to the Light

St John's Gospel never calls John, 'the Baptist'. No, he is John the Witness: 'a witness to speak for the Light'. We discover in this Gospel that this light is embodied in Jesus Christ, most graphically portrayed in the Transfiguration when Christ's body is radiant, translucent, with Divine Light.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the One who came to liberate human beings from the many dark captivities which imprison them, the One who vanquished the inky blackness of the tomb.

We can become partakers in the life of this Divine Light. At baptism, this is symbolised by the lighting of a small candle from the great Easter candle which is sung into the church on the Easter Vigil as 'Christ our Light', the Conqueror of Death.

As a baptised people our allegiance to 'The Light' is not to be a private matter between 'me and God'. No, like John, we must bear witness to 'The Light' by being instruments of His power to dispel the darkness which can enshroud people's lives.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to fulfil the promise of our baptismal candle so that we might more authentically celebrate the birth of the Divine Light come into human history.



It is Advent and we are to witness and introduce the Light to the world: to cry out with our words, our presence, our decisions and work for reconciliation and justice that this Other is in our midst and most are not aware of his presence. We learn to see, perhaps by bending and serving those in our midst most in need, in the corporal works of justice and mercy.

Do we know him as he stands among us?

Megan McKenna,
Tasting the Word of God.

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Closed Thursday

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Parish Facebook Page

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Archdiocesan Prevention and 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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Mass Times

Weekdays:

PETRIE

Mon 18th December— 8:00 am

Wed 20th December— 8:00 am

Fri 22nd December— 8:00 am

DAYBORO

Thurs 21st December— 9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 23rd December — 6:00 pm

Sun 24th December — 8:00 am

Christmas Eve — 6:00pm & 10pm

Mon 25th December

Christmas Day—8:00 am

DAYBORO

Sun 24th December —

Christmas Eve 8:00 pm

Reconciliation:

*1st Friday of the month
following 8am Mass—9am
or by appointment*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,

We earnestly pray for peace and stability in Myanmar amidst the ongoing internal conflict.

Our hearts grieve for the children and families enduring displacement, fighting with hunger and poverty.

Hear the prayer of these children and families and respond with the support they desperately need.

May your love and warmth reach those who are most in need.

In your mercy, grant peace and perseverance to the internally displaced children and families, providing them with the necessary resources for survival.

We pray for the restoration of community and an end to conflict, allowing children and families to feel secure once again.

Grant families the strength and perseverance they need as they travel through these challenging times.

May your guiding light lead them towards hope and a brighter future. Amen.

(from Catholic Mission)

Parish Notices

Whats on this Week:

Wednesday 20th December

8:30 am—10:00 Adoration following Mass

Sunday 24th December:

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass—School Hall

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass—OLW Church

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass—Dayboro

Monday 25th December:

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass - OLW Petrie

CHRISTMAS NIGHT—NO MASS

Friday 12th January

9:00—12:00 noon Parish Office Open

Office Hours

Please Note the Parish office will be closed from 22nd December. We will reopen on Friday 12th January 2024 (9:00am to 12:pm only)

Normal office hours will resume from Monday 15th January 2024.

Please Note

The last parish newsletter for 2023 will be for 25th December and the first newsletter for 2024 will be for Sunday 14th January

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR JANUARY 2024



There will be no adoration in January. Adoration will recommence 7th February following the 8 am Mass.

Weekday Masses resume Monday January 1st at 8am. Dayboro Masses will recommence Thursday 8th January 9am.



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 Roster

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

Hall Set Up

Assistance is also required for the setting up of the school hall for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass

From 2pm on Saturday 23rd December helpers are needed to

Set the Altar area and setup the Crib.

and help to pack up after Mass.

If you are available please add your name to the list at the Hospitality Desk by 15th Dec.

Thank You.

Children's Liturgy Nativity

The Children's Liturgy team is organising a nativity play that will take place the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



Any primary school aged children are warmly invited to take part. Narrators will tell the story and the rest of the children will act out what's happening without any lines to say. Children can come dressed as whichever supporting nativity character they'd like to play – shepherd, angel, innkeeper, sheep, star, etc.

If you'd like your child to take part, please put your details on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk this weekend or email kjwhite01@gmail.com



THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY PETRIE CONFERENCE

From the bottom of our hearts, we say a very big 'THANK YOU' for your kindness and generosity in helping us to distribute Christmas hampers this year, containing gift cards as well as Christmas cakes, puddings, custard and mince pies. Between North Lakes SVDP conference and ourselves, we distributed more than 90 hampers to needy families in our area.

A special thanks to Our Lady of the Way School and Mt Maria College, Petrie, and St Benedict's junior and senior schools, North Lakes, and to you for your contributions to the cash collections after Sunday mass. Thanks also to Lactalis, who donated ten hampers towards our project; to Zarraffas, who donated coffee vouchers; and to the Knights of the Southern Cross, whose annual contribution to this cause is always much appreciated. 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 2024.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Our Lady of the Way, Petrie—6pm and 10pm

St Francis Xavier, Dayboro—8pm

Please Note, there will be no 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday 24th

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

Our Lady of the Way, Petrie—8am

No Christmas Mass on Christmas night

Sacrament of Baptism:



This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome at Our Lady of the Way, Petrie,

Scarlett Piamonte & Adrien Oelfke

Congratulations to these children and their families on this special day.

UGANDA KIDS....

Thanks for the support for our annual quilt raffle. This year there were two. One inside the parish and one outside. Total income: \$922. Thanks to our expert quilter Lyn.

There will be some Christmas goodies for sale after Mass on Sunday. There will be some freebies for the kids. Please bring some loose change. Bargains to be had and a great way to help vulnerable kids in Uganda.

Thanks for your support over the year.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Webale!!



PIETY STALL

Now available at the piety stall

Christmas Cards—\$3.00

Various Christmas Gifts.



Sacramental Program 2024



Expressions of interest forms are at the back of both Churches

Should you have any questions please contact the office by email or phone.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year B

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Second reading - Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel - Luke 1: 26-38

Please remember in your prayers the sick in our community:

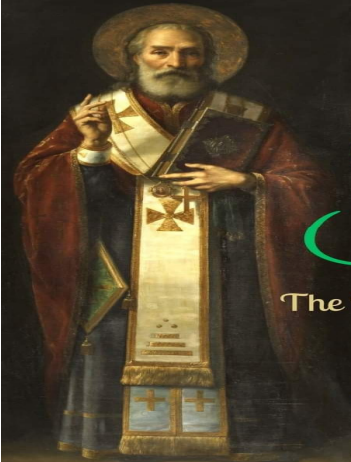
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PARISH COLUMBARIUM ... Have you reserved your niche?



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



Thomas More Centre presents

The Real Saint Nick

The Life and Legacy of St Nicholas the Wonderworker
A free talk by Dr Amelia Brown

Thursday, 21 December at 5:30pm (for a 6pm start)
Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley QLD
Drinks and light fare provided.
Please RSVP at trybooking.com/CNOGY for catering purposes.



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