



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent —Year B 24th December 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As the year 2023 is coming to an end, we can see the joy of Christmas and New Year everywhere. Now we are on the 4th week of Advent which symbolizes peace. We were prayerfully preparing to receive Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"(Luke 2:14), is a verse heard everywhere, especially during the Christmas season.

Are we able to find real peace within ourselves, with others, and with God in the chaos of our lives? Are we comfortable? Peaceful? Stressed? Often, we are not able to experience peace, which may be due to our failings, regrets, conflicts, competition, weakness, aimlessness, broken relationships, worries, and many more.

So where can we turn for peace? Have you ever thought about what Jesus, The Prince of Peace can do for us? When God created us in His image, we are shaped to resemble and represent God on the earth. Our likeness with God is not a physical resemblance, but a resemblance in all including the spiritual domain. Since the beginning of time, God has enjoyed close fellowship with us, but sin separated us from God and prevented us from the true experience of peace. God sent His son Jesus, who is completely debt-free, to pay the debt of our sins. His death on the cross and resurrection helped our sins to be forgiven and to restore our eternal fellowship with God. He is the prince of peace and the peacemaker who has come to make peace between people and God, within us, and then extend it to others around us with others.

At this great time of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude to each one of you for supporting me and remembering me in your prayers which enabled me to serve God and thus our Parish to the best of my abilities. I am truly humbled to pastor you as your Parish Priest and honoured to receive your prayers, motivation, and support.

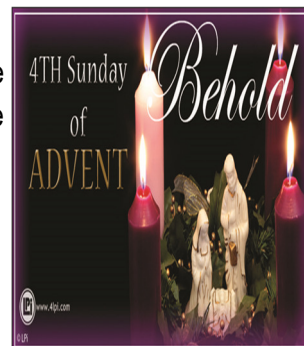
I would like to thank all our parishioners for your timely commitment and for offering your contributions and skills to our parish during the year 2023. I immensely appreciate the contribution of various teams including parish staff, sacristans, liturgy, musicians, PPC, finance council, and volunteers as well as all parish ministries during this year. I also thank everyone who worked behind the scenes towards the vision and mission of our parish.

I can see in each one of you the inner joy of receiving the Infant Jesus which is outwardly visible everywhere in and around our home and parish. I hope this Christmas celebration may add more hope, love, joy, and peace as we unitedly believe in Jesus our savior, as one community.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and your homes. You are remembered in my prayers.

With advanced Christmas blessings,

Fr. Geo Francis MCBS



God's word always calls us to new possibilities and new life

Perhaps we could take a few minutes out of our busy days to listen for God's word to us, say yes, and then put it into action, "en-flesh" God's presence in the goodness of our own lives.

Living Liturgy Resource

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

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

St Francis Xavier, Dayboro—8pm

Christmas Day

Our Lady of the Way, Petrie—8am

No Christmas Mass at night

Office Hours

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

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

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.



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, Timothy McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Patrick Bosworth, Neil and Susan Casey, Frank Christensen, Michael Bartsch, Bernie Bartsch, Donna Harrison,



PARISH COLUMBARIUM



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WEEKDAY MASSES FOR JANUARY 2024

There will be no weekday Masses next week. Weekday Masses resume Monday January 1st at 8am Petrie and Dayboro Masses will recommence Thursday 8th January 9am.

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

Uganda Kids

This Christmas please think of Uganda Kids and collect cans and bottles you use. Perhaps get your families and friends involved as well. If they want to drop them off at a Containers for Change depot anywhere in Queensland our ID number is C10053904. Something so simple goes so far helping kids at the schools we support.

Thanks for your support and Merry Christmas to all.



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