



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.

First Sunday of Advent — Year B 3rd December 2023

Spreading Joy and Peace in The Christmas Season

As we enter the season of Advent, a time of spiritual journey with joyful anticipation and reflection, I extend warm greetings to each one of you. In this sacred season, we remember the very essence of the message God brought to us by the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Advent which means "arrival" indicates the beginning of the Church Year. The focus of the entire season is on the preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a time of fasting and repentance.

The **Advent wreath**, a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around and one in the centre, symbolizes the beginning of the Church year. The circle of the wreath indicates God Himself, and the green colour symbolizes the hope of newness, and eternal life that we have in God. The four outer candles represent the four Sundays of Advent before Christmas.

The three main **Advent colours** are purple, pink, and white. Purple, the primary colour of Advent, symbolizes repentance and fasting. Pink used during the third Sunday reveals a shift in the season of Advent away from repentance and toward celebration. White used on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, symbolizes purity and light.

The **Advent Candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. We light one candle on the first Sunday, two candles on the second Sunday, three candles on the third Sunday, and four candles on the fourth Sunday symbolizing HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE respectively.

Are we prepared? An old man called Martin, who worked very hard for his livelihood, lived alone in a small city. He was a God-fearing man who helped everyone. One day while he was praying, he heard someone saying, "Martin, tomorrow I will be coming to visit you". So, the next day he got up early morning, cleaned his house, and prepared food for his guest. No one turned up despite his long wait till evening. Towards the evening, one old woman with a child came asking for some food since they had not eaten for a few days. Though Martin didn't have extra food, he offered them the food he had prepared for his guest. Since he could not find his guest, he was disappointed and was preparing to sleep. But he heard again the same sound saying "I came to visit you and you shared your food with me. I was that poor woman with a child". God comes to us in disguise every day. But do we recognize Him in other people who are the image of God?

We also must be prepared for His coming like Martin in this story. In the hustle of our daily lives, we may not realize the true meaning of Christmas. Advent beckons us to pause and refocus our hearts on the love of Christ. I welcome you to join us in prayer, and acts of kindness during this season of Advent. To foster a community of faith, let us support one another in our spiritual journey as a parish family. May our hearts be filled with the joy of the Gospel, and may the love of Christ radiate through us.

Wishing you a blessed Advent season filled with the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Many Advent Blessings and Prayers

Fr. Geo Francis MCBS



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**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**



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Closed Thursday

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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 4th December— 8:00 am
Wed 6th December— **NO MASS**
Fri 8th December— 8:00 am

DAYBORO

Thurs 7th December — 9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 9th November — 6:00 pm
Sun 10th November — 8:00 am
Sun 10th November — 5:30 pm

DAYBORO

Sun 10th November — 10:00 am

Reconciliation:

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



**Pope Francis
calls the world
to prayer and
fasting.**

**Because of the serious
escalation in the Middle East,
Pope Francis calls the world
to prayer and fasting
Please join in praying the
rosary for peace
a half hour before Masses**

***Our Lady of the Rosary
Pray for us***



**PRAYER CARD
FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE
EAST**

There are prayer cards available
on the table at both Churches for
Peace in the Middle East.

Please take a card as we pray
together for peace.



and always.

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

Parish Notices

Whats on this Week:

Monday 4th December:

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

Wednesday 6th December:

No ADORATION

Friday 8th December:

10:30am Seniors Christmas Mass and Lunch

Upcoming Parish Events

Monday 11th December:

7:00pm—8:30pm Seeds of Hope Prayer
meeting via Zoom — *Meeting ID: 662 852 748*
Password: 521023. Ph: Rosa 3886 1661
Final Day—Return on 22nd January 2024

Wednesday 13th December:

8:30am-10:00am Adoration following Mass
7:00pm Advent Reconciliation

Friday 15th December:

8:45 am Fathers Prayers—OLW Church

Saturday 16th December:

2:00pm: Spanish Mass—Petrie

Wednesday 20th December:

8:30am-10:00am Adoration following Mass

Sunday 24th December:

6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass—OLW Petrie
10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass—OLW Petrie
8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass—Dayboro

Monday 25th December:

8:00am Christmas Day Mass—OLW Petrie

CHRISTMAS NIGHT—NO MASS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION



**Will be held on Wednesday
13th 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 hospitality table at Petrie.***

Parish News and Archdiocesan Events

St VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPER CASH APPEAL



During the weekend of 2/3 December the OLW St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its **once only** annual appeal for cash at all Masses.

The appeal is to help fund the Christmas Hampers for needy people on our area. Any help you could give would be appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves.

You will be able to donate by Mastercard/Visa if that is more convenient, or by direct debit to the OLW account. Forms are available at the table at the Church.

Helpers will be needed on Sat 9th December from 8:00 am at the School Hall for delivery of hampers.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE FORM AT THE DESK IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

Seniors Christmas Mass & Lunch

**10:30 am Friday 8th December
at OLW Church Petrie**

followed by Lunch at the Heritage Hotel

The cost for lunch is \$32.00 per head.

**All payments need to be received by
7th December. CASH PREFERRED**

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 9am on Saturday 23rd December helpers are needed to

Put out rows of chairs

Set the Altar area and setup the Crib.

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

Thank You.

Sacrament of Baptism:



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

Leo Searle & Charlotte Williams

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

New Rosters

Hello Parish Volunteers!

The Roster and Contact List for 2nd December to 28th January have been emailed and hard copies are available to collect from the hospitality desk.

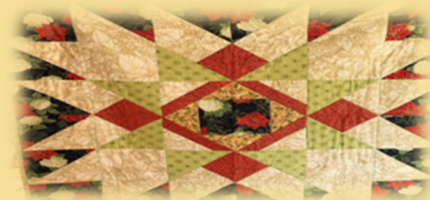
Peace and blessings for a wonderful Christmas Season.

John Tasker

Uganda Kids Christmas Raffle:

This beautifully handmade quilt could be yours. Tickets will be sold on 3rd December

\$2 each or 3 for \$5



PIETY STALL

Available at the piety stall from this weekend.

Christmas Cards—\$3.00

Various Christmas Gifts.

Communing with the God who Comes to Us.

A quiet weekend facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries, at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

December 15th-17th OR January 12th-14th

See Parish Notice Board for Cost & Registration details

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent—Year B

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

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, Mary Noonan & Sr Carmel Pattison sgs, Ann Smith..



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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