



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 C 15th December 2024

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”
(Philippians 4:4-5).*

Dear Parish Family,

Today, we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" and it comes from the entrance antiphon for today's liturgy. This week, we light the rose-coloured candle on our Advent wreath, symbolizing joy and a shift from penitence to celebration.

With the great hope of His coming, we are preparing to receive Him in our hearts with boundless joy that comes from our faith in Christ. This joy is not just an emotion but a deep sense of peace and happiness that we receive as a fruit and gift from God through the Holy Spirit. This is the season for us to rejoice, and let's all experience His joy through praise and worship, prayers, acts of obedience, fellowships, acts of kindness, compassion and love. As we light the rose candle this week, may we also light up the lives of those around us by reaching out to those in need, sharing our blessings, and spreading the joyous message of Christ's coming.

However, I understand that it may be hard for many to experience joy during this season due to personal struggles, loss, broken relations, or difficult circumstances. Remember that you are not alone, but many are sailing in the same boat. It's a time to recognize your feelings, whatever they may be, and find solace in the Lord Jesus and lean into the promise of 'healing and renewed hope' that Advent brings. Realize that you are the child of Christ, the Great Comforter, Redeemer, Peace giver, Healer, and Provider. Know that you are loved and valued and encircled by the fellow believers who, together with you, are preparing for His coming and journeying towards eternal life. The essence of Advent is all about waiting in hope of better days to come. So, dear parishioners, I urge you to identify those in struggle and help them in whatever way possible so that they also experience the real joy of His coming.

During this time of anticipation and reflection, let's also introspect if we carry the burden of having hurt others and stealing their joy. The journey to Christmas is not just about celebration; it is also a time of introspection, healing, and reconciliation. It is a precious and God-given opportunity to seek forgiveness and make solutions if we have hurt God or others. If we have caused pain to others, know that acknowledging our actions is the first step toward healing. It takes great courage to admit our faults, but it certainly opens the door for Christ to work in us. Reach out and apologize to them with sincerity and a humble heart.

This week, I encourage you to reflect on how you can live out the joy of Advent in your own life. Perhaps through an act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or by making time for prayer and reconciliation. Let the joy of the Lord shine through you to others, especially those who may be struggling, lonely, or in need of hope.

May this Sunday inspire you to continue your Advent journey with hearts full of anticipation and joy. Wishing you all a joyful and sacred Advent.

Blessings and prayers,

Fr Geo Francis MCBS



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest:

Fr Geo Francis MCBS

Parish Secretary:

Angela Smith

petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

finance.petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding Officer:

Angela Smith

smithan@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Office Information

38 Armstrong Street, Petrie
Ph 3285 6759

Postal Address

P.O. Box 50,
Petrie, Qld 4502

Email:

petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

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 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.*

OLW School

Principal

Mrs Aleisha Connellan

Ph. 3285 2977

ppetrie@bne.catholic.edu.au

Mt Maria College Petrie

Principal Mrs Kerry Maher

Ph. 32855500

spetrie@bne.catholic.edu.au

Petrie Community Outside School Hours Care

Coordinator:

Mr Patrick Cumiskey

Ph.32851850

petrieoshc@catholicearlycare.qld.edu.au

Mass Times

Weekdays:

PETRIE

Mon 16th December — 8:00 am

Wed 18th December — 8:00 am

Fri 20th December — 8:00 am

DAYBORO

Thu 19th December — 9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 21st December — 6:00pm

Sun 22nd December — 8:00am

Sun 22nd December — 5:30pm

DAYBORO

Sun 22nd December — 10:00am

Reconciliation:

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

Please Note

The last parish newsletter for 2024 will be the weekend 22nd December and there will be one for Christmas Masses. The first newsletter for 2024 will be for the weekend 12th January

NEWSLETTER

**PLEASE NOTE
THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
FROM
24TH DECEMBER
AND WILL REOPEN
ON
MONDAY 6TH
JANUARY 2025**

Parish Notices

What's on this Week:

Monday 16th December:

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 18th December:

8:30—10:00am Adoration following Mass

Friday 20th December:

8:00 am Mass (last weekday Mass for this year)

**PLEASE NOTE THE LAST WEEKDAY MASS
FOR THE YEAR IS FRIDAY 20/12/2024**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

MONDAY 16TH December
7pm—Petrie

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th December

6pm and 10pm Mass Petrie

8pm Mass Dayboro

25th December

8am Mass Petrie

**THERE IS NO EVENING
MASS**

Christmas Mass Roster

We still need help for the Petrie Masses

24/12/2024 6pm— Sacristan

10pm –Data Projector

& 2 x Communion Ministers (chalice)
25/12/2024 8am—Leader, Data Projector,
Altar Server and Open and close the
Church.

By helping you will make all our Christmas
Masses joyous celebrations.

Setting up the Hall for 6pm Mass:

If you can assist, we are setting up the school hall on **Monday 23rd December at 9.00AM.** We will be setting up the chairs and altar space.



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 News and Archdiocesan Events

Limited Edition 60th Anniversary Book

Copies of the 60th Anniversary book are still available. Don't forget to pick up your souvenir copy and marvel at the effort of our pioneers and savour the memories.

Available now for only \$10.00 each

Year C Break Open the Word, now available
Cost \$26.00.

(ALL READERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A COPY)

Sacramental Preparation



Sacramental Program 2025

Expression of interest forms are available from the hospitality tables at the Churches.

Should you have any questions please contact the parish office

FR GEO'S FAREWELL:

Friday 10th January 2025 commencing with Mass 5.30pm followed by a dinner in the school hall.

If you are attending there is a list on the tables at the churches.

We ask you to bring a hot pot or a dish to share.

BYO Drinks

Number are required by 29th December

Children's Liturgy Nativity

The Children's Liturgy team is organising a nativity play that will take place in the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Our Lady of the Way.



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 or email kiwhite01@gmail.com

For Primary Aged Children

Join us at one of 5 locations on the summer school holidays for a days of fun, faith and friends.

Hosted at Coomera, Springfield, Darra Jindalee, Regents Park, and Redcliffe

From Friday 17th to Friday 24th Jan



SCAN HERE TO
FIND OUT MORE



WWW.ENCOUNTERCATHOLICKIDS.COM.AU/SUMMER-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM

catholic encounter
KIDS
2025 Summer
Holiday Program

We  love
having you as part
of our flock

Keep in touch with us
via email 



FLOCKNOTE

If you are new to our parish community you are invited to register your details through Flocknote. Flocknote is a safe, secure system and all your information is private. If you do not wish to register online, there are forms and the link are on the hospitality tables at the churches. If you need assistance please contact the office or ask at the hospitality desk.



PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS OF OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

First reading—Micah 5:1-4

Second reading - Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel - Luke 1:39-45



Please remember in your prayers the sick in our community:

Bryan Carmichael, Mary Carmichael, Scott Hines, Norma Quinn, Marcus Neudecker, Ann Smith, Noela Corby, Terry Segrave, Steven Williams, Rohan Somasekaran, Kyle Huff, Thomas Bird, Bradley Wright, Greg Olsson-Lalor, Tia Huff, Sr Carmel Pattison sgs, Nathalie Bernon, Neil & Susan Casey, Nina & Raymond Dove, Gina Morieni, Timothy McNickle, Patrick Bosworth, Frank Christensen, Michael Bartsch, Bernie Bartsch, Donna Harrison, Ian Smith, Mary Noonan, James Martin, Carole McGurgan

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. Double Niches are selling fast, if you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 3285 6759 or email: petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

TAP TO DONATE



The parish has a donation Eftpos machine which is at all Masses.

Simply click on or enter the amount then tap your card on device.

PARISH GIVING Donate Here

The Parish Giving app allows you to complete your giving on your mobile phone via either Android, Apple or Web app. Giving to your Parish has never been easier. <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

www.ugandakids.org.au

Uganda Kids

"kids finish school"

Donations are tax deductible

\$5 per fortnight puts a kid through school.

Call Paul or Sue Fyfe on 0401 710 886

www.ugandakids.org.au



RAFA CARE SERVICES
(Registered NDIS provider)



Comprehensive NDIS services tailored to you.

Email: admin@rafacare.com.au

Phone 0426457818, 0424788501

Visit us at: www.rafacare.com.au



Petrie's most recommended agency
Blac Property Group
Antony Thompson | 0488707648



Holy Cross FUNERALS

The caring staff at Holy Cross Funerals assist families at the death of their loved ones, to ensure that the Funeral Services are conducted with dignity and compassion. For however you choose to say goodbye.

- *Burials *Cremations
- *Repatriations
- *Pre-Arrangements
- *Funeral Bonds

Find us on

www.holycrossfunerals.com

Phone: 07 3293 0555

Email: info@holycrossfunerals.com

www.holycrossfunerals.com

An Outreach of the Catholic Church
Funerals with Faith

A Proud Family Owned and Operated Company



Kenton Ross Funerals

A Caring Funeral Service
Kallangur 3285 5155
Talk to a consultant today to ensure your family's peace of mind for the future



www.krfunerals.com.au

McMahon & Associates



Legal Practice

(07) 3285 2416 | 0403 826 346

office@mcmahonlaw.com.au

33 Vaucluse Cres, Petrie Qld 4502
PO Box 410, Petrie Qld 4502

CARD & SCRAPBOOK CLASSES



Contact Lesley Jendra

0439 557 596

Email: lesley.j.jendra@gmail.com

www.lesleyjendra.stampinup.net

Blog: Lesley's Stampin Ground