



# 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.*

## The Nativity of the Lord —Year B 25th December 2023

**Dear Parish Family and Friends,**

*We are here today to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

What does Christmas mean to us? Often, Christmas comes and passes just by sharing gifts, singing carols, and celebrations. For some, it is sending greetings to their loved ones; for some, it is singing carols, decorations, and celebrations; while for others, it is a time of holidays and spending time with their family. Is this what Christmas is all about? Are we clenching to the true meaning of Christmas?

The Gospel of John 3:16-17 “For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life and through him, the world might be saved” God gave His own Son Jesus Christ to us, and we all know that Jesus is the best gift from God.

*But why did God give Jesus the best gift to humanity?*

We choose the gift for our loved ones very thoughtfully depending on their likes and needs, not just based on our likes. Similarly, God very considerately chose the best gift for humanity, based on our needs. Due to the repercussions of sin done by Adam and Eve, the entire mankind was brought to the bondage of sin and had lost the privilege of eternal life. Hence, mankind needed a saviour for their forgiveness, peace, justice, and the right to eternal life.

The birth of our saviour Jesus Christ the 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal-Father, and the Prince of Peace' through a virgin is prophesied by the prophet Isaiah (Isa 7:14 & 9:5-6) and God made it happen in His perfect time (Gal4:3-5). Also here we recall the fulfilment of what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel” which means “God is with us”.

*Jesus, the Messiah is with us today*, the most precious gift from God to mankind. He has paid the price for our sins on the cross and made us worthy of eternal life. So, Christmas is not a one-day celebration, but for a lifetime. While remembering His birth every year, we revamp the presence of Jesus in our lives. We must continue to seek His blessings every day and live a life accordingly.

*Advent time was a time of spiritual journey and reflection*, for all of us with prayers and acts of kindness in anticipation to prepare ourselves for Christmas and to receive Jesus in our lives. And today we are celebrating his arrival. I desire that despite just celebrating holidays after Christmas, let us find out the opportunities and continue our spiritual journey by sharing the love and life of Jesus with the people around us.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024**

**May God continue to bless you all  
with hope, love, joy, and peace.**

With Sincere Prayers and  
Christmas Wishes,  
FR GEO FRANCIS MCBS



*I proclaim to you good news of great joy:*

*Today a Saviour is born for us,*

*Christ the Lord*



# Merry Christmas

## Office Hours

**Please Note** the Parish office will be closed from 22nd December. We will reopen on Friday 12th January 2024 (9:00am to 12:00pm 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, Mary Noonan & Sr Carmel Pattison sgs, Ann Smith..



## PARISH COLUMBARIUM

Constructed in 2021 on the Tom Petrie Homestead site surrounded by heritage trees and lovely gardens. If you wish to find out more please contact the Parish

## WEEKDAY MASSES FOR JANUARY 2024

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

*There will be no adoration in January. Adoration will recommence 7<sup>th</sup> February following the 8am Mass.*

## 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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