



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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B 15th September 2024

**“Your thoughtfulness is a precious gift,
I will always treasure them, Thank you.”**

My Dear Friends and Family members,

With a heart full of mixed emotions, I express my deep gratitude as I prepare to embark on a new chapter in my journey as Parish Priest at St Joseph’s Parish Murgon and St Joseph’s Parish Gayndah. It was a great blessing and very joyous and rewarding years for me while pastoring OLW Petrie & SFX Dayboro, which has been my home for the past 5 years. It is tough for me to leave this family with whom I am immensely bonded.

I fondly remember you affectionately welcoming me with open arms and lots of joy and love. You were with me as my family in my ups and downs to support me and strengthen me, to pray for me and to care for me, and you cared for me like your son, brother, or a best friend. I really enjoyed your care and never felt anything deficient here. I have tried the best way to serve the Parish and its ministries and I loved working with you all. I am truly privileged to be part of the most intimate moments of some of your lives while celebrating sacraments or being with you in times of grief and loss.

When I reflect, I realize that I have learned so much from all of you during the past five years. Most importantly, you loved me despite my shortcomings and imperfections which is worth more than anything. I have been overwhelmed and inspired by your support to the parish in every small or big task that aims to accomplish our church’s vision. It was unique for me to witness the parishioners serving the community with utmost dedication, punctuality, self-determination, and mindful voluntary services, and I often express it to my friends and family at home. I saw that the power of our faith and Christ’s love work together in our parish to keep us united to achieve JESUS’s Mission.

As you know, Petrie is my first Parish in Australia as a Parish Priest and you are a blessing to me in my pastoral ministry. I want to thank and appreciate each of you for the prayers, kindness, and love you offered me during these five years. I am grateful to our parish administration team for their immense support that helped me in organizing every parish activity and I thank each ministry members and the parishioners for its unwavering support which was a strong pillar of strength to me.

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I also want to humbly apologize and ask your forgiveness if anytime I have offended you or did not have time for. Please know that it was never intentional or personal. The new appointment at Murgon and Gayndah where the Catholic community is undergoing spiritual starvation for the sacred sacraments and the God's Word without a full-time Parish Priest, was offered to me by Archbishop Mark and his Priests Council. Though changing to a remote place can be difficult, I believe in the spiritual discernment of the Archbishop and God's Divine plan for me. The missionary priesthood is always challenging, but I choose to oblige to my superiors. I am sure that I will be blessed the way I was blessed at Petrie.

God always has His plans in His time which are beyond our expectations. During the Episcopal meeting, When I was asked, I only said 'Yes' believing that God found me as the best person to serve these communities. If I lacked faith, I might have run away like Jonah! But when I thought of Mother Mary who accepted the virgin conception to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God, I didn't have a second thought. Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" and "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Mark 16:15& Acts 1:8).

The transition to a remote place would be challenging as each parish and station churches in this remote area lies almost 100 km apart with very little population and limited facilities. But I believe that it is from the Holy Spirit and am hopeful and confident in God our Provider, Jehovah Jireh, who will guide me in my new ministry, new routine, long travels, and with all the limitations. As far as God is with me and His divine providence, I shall try my level best to do pastoral care in the country parishes and mass centers in these extremely interior remote areas.

We have worked together as a team for our parish and parishioners keeping Jesus at the center and I pray that it will further bloom stronger in faith, love, and service under the new Parish Priest who will be appointed shortly. I pray that whatever strength we had as a parish family may be continued and whatever shortcomings may be overcome. I ask also that you pray for the new priest, embrace him, and love him the way you loved me. In the meantime, the representatives from the College of Consultors will have a parish gathering with you to discuss the future needs of our parish.

As I prepare for my new assignment, I carry with me and cherish the experience and memories I had with you here. You may not be able to support me physically, but I humbly seek your spiritual support in prayers that God may grant me the strength and wisdom to pastor the parishes entrusted to my care. Though I move forward, you all will be in my thoughts and prayers and you will be sadly missed. God bless you all always.

With Sincere prayers and Great Gratitude,

Fr. Geo Francis MCBS



Thank you

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Closed Thursday

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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.

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Mass Times

Weekdays:

PETRIE

Mon 16th September — 8:00 am

Wed 18th September — 8:00 am

Fri 20th September — 8:00 am

DAYBORO

Thu 19th September — 9:00 am

Weekends:

PETRIE

Sat 21st September — 6:00pm

Sun 22nd September — 8:00am

Sun 22nd September — 5:30pm

DAYBORO

Sun 22nd September — 10:00am

Reconciliation:

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

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH

60TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, with great joy we thank you as we celebrate the sixty years you have nourished Our Lady of the Way Catholic Parish and School with your many graces and blessings.

You have celebrated with us new life in baptism and new life through the Resurrection; you have fed us with your Word and Sacrament.

May our parish community and school remain a place of welcome and hospitality to the strangers in our midst. May we always cherish the memory of our parish ancestors whose faith and love over sixty years has formed this parish community and school.

Help us to move forward with dedication to Our Blessed Mother, our help and protector.

We ask this in Jesus name.
Amen.

Parish Notices

What's on this Week:

Monday 16th September:

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

Wednesday 18th September:

8:30—10:00am Adoration following Mass

Friday 20th September:

9:00am Mothers Prayers—Parish Office

Saturday 21st September:

2:30 pm Spanish Mass—Petrie church

Upcoming Parish Events:

Monday 23rd September:

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

Wednesday 25th September:

8:30—10:00am Adoration following Mass

Friday 27th September:

10.00am Coffee Club Lawnton

Monday 30th September:

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

Wednesday 1st October:

8:30—10:00am Adoration following Mass

Friday 4th October:

9:00am Mothers Prayers—Parish Office

Saturday 5th October:

2:30 pm Spanish Mass—Petrie church

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October:

Catholic Mission Weekend—All Masses

Monday 7th October:

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

Wednesday 9th October:

8:30—10:00am Adoration following Mass

Friday 11th October:

9:00am Mothers Prayers—Parish Office

Monday 14th October:

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

Tuesday 15th October:

8:30am OLW Playgroup—Community Centre



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

PARISH GATHERING

As announced, Fr Geo Francis MCBS will conclude his time as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Way parish in mid-January. We wish him all the best with his new appointment.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of Our Lady of the Way parish.

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

- 1. As a parish, what have you done well?*
- 2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?*

The gathering will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25th September in Our Lady of the Way church, Petrie. All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Peter Dillon, Vicar for Administration

The OLW 60th Anniversary Book is taking shape thanks to the stories, memories and photos provided.

Any new articles to be included need to be received by Friday 20th September to allow us time to get it print ready.

With thanks, The Editorial Team



Women of The Way Retreat.

11-13th October. BOOK NOW!

Treat yourself to some quality time with God to reflect and recharge.

Theme: **Holy Spirit set my Heart on Fire.**

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre,
337 Old Gympie Rd Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone **Rosa Montegrando**
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WORKING BEE

Saturday 5th October

8.00am — Petrie

Gardening, planting, cleaning windows, general tidy of the grounds and church.

Please register your availability on the form at the hospitality desk at Petrie.

You are invited

**to join our community on
Sunday 20th October 2024**

**to celebrate
Our Lady of the Way Parish
and School's 60th Anniversary.**



**Mass will be at 9:00 am
celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
followed by morning tea
in the School Hall.**

**We ask if you are attending could you
please bring a plate to share.**

**Please register your attendance at the
hospitality desk at both Churches**



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE

Knights Silver Circle : Ticket selling this weekend for our last Circle for 2024. Each of our masses at Petrie, Dayboro and Bray Park. Tickets sell fast but in need we will be back the following weekend 21/22nd. Your support for charity work by Knights to local charities is warmly appreciated.

Archdiocese of Brisbane & Flocknote -

September Signup!

It's September Signup! Parishioners and visitors are invited to sign-up to Flocknote, our communication and engagement tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved way of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. **Your info is kept secure and private.** It only takes a couple minutes to sign up to receive emails from the parish. You are even able to reply directly back to those emails so we can get feedback and hear from you. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code below and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, please see a priest, or speak with the Parish office.

URL— <https://petriecatholic.flocknote.com/register>

*Thank you to everyone who has completed
their registration online or by the form.
We gratefully appreciate your support.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS

25h Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading – Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second reading - St James 3:16-4:3

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37



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

SYNOD 2024 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life makes all things new.

We gather around your table of communion, as many parts of one body, grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts, so we can be nourished and enlivened by your Presence, ready to be the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and silence of those within, and on the very edges of the communities, so we may be in service of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us, may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity so we may be the hands and feet of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen



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