

Nambour Retirement Village Services

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Service Roster

FOR TODAY

10th January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY

AFTER CHRISTMAS

Minister: Rev Ian Stehbens

Music: Rosemary

Readers: Linda Woodward, Jim Stewart

Prayers: Rev Graham Warne

Data Projector: Alison Hall

Sound system: Linda Woodward

Offering: Weekly retiring offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

Additional Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

Church Council Chair

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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Office: most Tuesdays and Thursdays

AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

Attending worship confirms that you do not have COVID-19, or symptoms associated with COVID-19, or awaiting results from a COVID-19 test, or have been to a designated 'hotspot', or have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19, or that you have been in contact with anyone who has travelled from overseas in the past 14 days. You are aware that people aged 70 and over, and people with chronic medical conditions are at a greater risk of serious illness by involvement in public group places.

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**THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MAREE!!**



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

We are called to be evidence of God's
love breaking into the world

Sunday 10th January 2021

Sign of Grace Mark 1:4-11,

The people of ancient Israel were obsessed with purity. They knew that God was holy and pure and to be acceptable to God they too had to be pure and holy. So they developed many purification rituals, like the ceremonial washing of hands before eating; and they had rules, like that against touching the body of a deceased person, to protect them from becoming ritually impure. The priest had to go through a ceremonial bath before serving in the temple.

So, when John the Baptist announced the imminent arrival of the Messiah it was appropriate for him to call people to be baptized for repentance. People had to be clean, free from sin, if they were to be fit for the new kingdom. He carried out these washings or baptisms in the Jordan River and, in solidarity with the people who were responding to John's call, Jesus too was baptized by him.

Jesus taught that neither the observance of rituals nor the keeping of laws made people fit for God. By grace, the undeserving love of God, they were already accepted. The gospel call was to accept that. Jesus could be said, through his death and resurrection, to have carried out the purification ceremony that did away with all purification rituals. So, when he sent his disciples out to baptize it was in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that they baptized. Yes, it involved repentance, a complete change in outlook, but it meant more than that. It meant living by grace, not by works. It meant living the life of God's calling. It meant belonging to God's people of faith.

- For some references to purification rituals in ancient Israel see Mark 1:40-44; Mark 2:23-28; Mark 7:1-16
- At his baptism, Jesus's identity was confirmed. How?
- How do we show our acceptance of the fact that we are accepted by God?
- What does it mean to live into the life of God's calling?

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