#### **Nambour Retirement Village Services**

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Service Roster

## FOR TODAY 28th February 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**Minister:** Rev Bruce Johnson **Music**: Nola and Margaret

Readers: Graham Kent, Helen Staines

**Prayers**: Doreen Hetherington **Data Projector**: Sue Nichols **Sound system**: Rob Nichols

**Offering:** Weekly retiring offering **Welcome**: Our great welcoming team

# THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

March

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

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attending worship affirms 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. Please be aware that persons aged 70 and over, and people with chronic medical conditions are at a greater risk of serious illness by involvement in public group places. We all must still be attentive to guidelines directed by health professionals as much as we can.



## **Nambour Uniting Church**

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

## Sunday 28th February 2021

Hope Based on Faith Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38.

Along with the rest of the world, we in Australia are, at this time, placing our faith in Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca to beat the covid pandemic. This faith enables us to look forward to a time beyond the threats and restrictions that we have had to live under for the last twelve months.

Faith gives us confidence to look forward to what is to come. It was faith that enabled Abraham to continue to look forward to the realization of God's promise when everything seemed set against it – the promise that he should be the father of a great nation.

Faith in God who spoke to the world in Jesus and raised him from the dead is the basis on which we look forward to what is to come. Through faith in Christ, we look forward to lives lived in joyful union with God in this life and beyond. As impossible as it seems, we look forward to humanity being freed from the shackles of evil and living by the light of God's love or, in other words, living in the kingdom of God.

By faith in God, we dare now to live the life of God's future realm - a realm of peace, justice, integrity and goodness. By faith in God, we live now as people who are forgiven and reconciled to God, called and committed.

- Can you think of occasions when your hope grew out of faith? EG: your hope for a safe arrival at the end of a journey was based on your faith in the driver.
- What does Romans 4:23-24 have to say about the relationship between grace and faith?
- What hopes do you have on the basis of your faith in Christ?
- Mark 8:31-38 indicates that living this life of faith and hope is not easy. What in this passage strikes you most forcefully?

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# Nambour Uniting Church Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship. Please welcome Rev Bruce Johnson.

We accept all who gather to worship in peace,
with an invitation to pray and reflect in the Prayer Chapel at any time our Church is open.

May the peace of the Lord be with you

## Please make very welcome our attending minister Rev Bruce Johnson Second Sunday in Lent

Rev Bruce is leading our service today, next month our Church will have the pleasure of Rev Glenn Ingram for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Worship Sundays and on the 3rd Worship Sunday, Pastor Margaret Niethe.



Readings for today
Genesis 17:1-7 and 15-16,
Mark 8:31-38.



Activities in our Church this week; TODAY Sunday 1st March 2021 Sunday Worship Service 9AM Alcoholics Anonymous6PM-8PM Monday

Nambour Garden Club 7AM-12noon Tuesday

> Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Wednesday

Alcoholics Anonymous 5.30PM-8PM Thursday

Craft group 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM Saturday 6th March 2021 Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM

#### **Second Sunday in LENT**

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus's retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus's Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus's glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus's baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus's disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus's disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

The next publication of the **NeXus Monthly Journal** will be ready during the month of March 2021.

The theme will be **Lent Leading Up To Easter**.

If you have anything of special interest please contact Jimmy in the office.