

Nambour Retirement Village Services

16th May	McGowan	11.00AM	Rev Graham
17th May	Rotary	2.00PM	Rev Graham

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Service Roster

FOR 16th May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Minister: Rev George Woodward

Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Lyn Colley, Linda Woodward

Prayers: Rev Graham Warne

Data Projector: Alison Hall

Sound system: Linda Woodward

Offering: Weekly retiring offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

16 Ian Brown
18 John Thomas
20 Betty Jenkins
Noela de Jonge

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Attending Ministry

Rev Glenn Ingram 0435 677 303

Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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Congregation Chairperson

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Office: most Tuesdays and Thursdays

AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

Please remember,
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 all 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 16th May 2021

YOU ARE LOVED

A couple adopted a 12 year old girl, which I suspect is no easy thing when children are that age. Legally she was theirs but it took years for her to get over the foster homes she had been in, the neglect she had experienced as well as the distrust & fear which had been internalized. She was a broken young girl and you can imagine how much love & commitment her new parents needed to give her.

Love had to be gentle but firm .. demanding yet forgiving, and over a lot of time it bore fruit. By the end of her High School years she felt at home & slowly she realised she was saying Dad & Mum to those who had adopted her. But it was at her wedding that people cried as she paid tribute to her parents who, despite her rebelliousness, hostility and unlovable ways; despite everything she had done to try and break up the family relationship, she had been **Loved Into that Family.**

As we read the gospel this Sunday, perhaps we can reflect on the everlasting love, forgiveness and patience given to us in order that we may say we have been loved into the Family of God; Loved into that unity with the Father, the Son and the Spirit; that we are loved into the Body of Christ.

Rev Glenn Ingram

Nambour Uniting Church

Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship.
Please welcome and thank our attending minister Rev George Woodward,
as 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.

AN UNUSUAL WAY TO REMEMBER JESUS



For centuries, Christians have developed many and varied traditions to help recall the life of Jesus. Joyce and Nev Killip showed me something in the Church office this week, they came upon this rather unusual way of remembering the events of Good Friday. It involves this strange article in the photo, it is the underside of a Catfish skull! Sometimes the catfish is referred to as the crucifix fish.

Joyce picked up this piece in WA around Lake Argyle near Port Headland.
Can you see a figure with outstretched arms as if on a cross? The agony in that face?
Can you see behind, a fearful Devil-like character as if being carried on their back?
The photo is actually on the underside of the skull. The bones seem to be shaped as a crucifix. Does this remind us of Jesus on His Cross?

Other symbolic features were also found in this unexpected icon. The Sanctuary (or the Church) lays below the feet of Jesus! The skull will make a rattling sound when shaken. The sound comes from otoliths, or ear stones, which provide fish with balance.

One legend states the sound represents the breaking of the tip of the lance used to pierce Jesus's side when he was crucified. And, another states it's the sound of dice being rolled as Roman soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothing.

It may seem at first a strange way to become focused on Jesus ... however God has a way of using strange and unexpected things to draw us back to him. Even in a throw away catfish skull, God hides a reminder of Jesus!

Cheers Jimmy

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With Love To The World

If anyone would like to try this Bible Study guide, there are 4 free copies of Love To The World. Studies are printed 4 times a year and cost \$6 per term – that's \$24 per year.

Should you care to trial this study, please contact Marion here at Church or home on 5441 1784.

The Book of Psalms

In this book, the Psalm writers praise God for his justice, Express confidence in God's compassion, recount the depravity of humanity, plead for vindication, ask God to deliver them from their enemies, speak of the blessedness of the forgiven sinner, and portray God as a shepherd. We should worship God with the same sense of adoration found in these Psalms.

Please read Psalm 1 for this week. The theme is Life's Two Roads. The life of the faithful person is contrasted with the life of the faithless person.

Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 17th May 2021 Worship Service 9AM

Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM

Monday

Sunshine Linus 8.30AM-2.30PM

Tuesday

Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon

Tuesday BIBLE STUDY 9.30AM-10.30AM

Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Wednesday

Alcoholics Anonymous 5.30PM-8PM

Thursday

Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Saturday 22nd May 2021 Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM