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17 April 2022
Easter Sunday

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Welcome: Our great welcoming team

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**THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK**

18 Val Sims
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!**

**VANDERBILT
LECTIONARY
NEXT WEEK'S
READINGS
SECOND EASTER
OF SUNDAY**
for 24th April 2022
Acts 5:27-32,
Revelation 1:4-8,
John 20:19-31,
Psalm 118:14-29,
Psalm 150.

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Nambour Uniting Church
9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

SUNDAY 17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

Collect: Lord of new life, God of resurrection, as we walk in that garden today, may we feel once more the surprise, the shock, the joy that comes with the unexpected, yet long-predicted, glory of our happy ending with you.
All praise and glory to your name, Amen.

From the desk of the minister: A cross and an empty tomb

I wonder which image you most associate with Holy Week, that begins with Jesus's triumphant ride into Jerusalem, moves through the intimacy of an evening meal shared with friends, is fractured by death on a cross and leaves us in awe at an empty tomb. Is it the cross or empty tomb that most speaks to us in our journey through Holy Week?

Mel Gibson's movie of The Passion of the Christ has meant that the cross has loomed large in people's thinking this Easter, and does appear to have attracted more people to church. Certainly the movie captures the humiliation and suffering Christ must have endured and one hopes that, in the midst of unrelenting violence, people who view the movie may perceive the depth of God's suffering love for all humanity.

But, of course, whilst we may have tendency to give greater emphasis to either the cross or empty tomb, the two motifs cannot be separated, for they are but part and parcel of the one Divine drama. The cross without the resurrection just becomes one further example of human suffering and love; and the resurrection without the cross simply becomes a statement about Christ's divinity rather than an act that forgives, heals and restores our right relationship with God as fulfilment of his ministry on earth. The journey through Holy Week becomes a metaphor for humanity's whole journey through life. It is about discipleship that is found wanting, about separation from God and the need for healing and forgiveness. But ultimately it is about life - life out of death. The challenge of Easter is for us to be transformed into new life, or we may stay stagnant because it's only an event to be remembered but not impacting our inner beings.

Grace & Peace. Maile

Nambour Uniting Church

Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship.

Please welcome and thank our minister Rev Maile Molitika and his lovely wife, Siale

as we accept all who gather to worship in peace and hope,

with an invitation to pray and reflect in the Prayer Chapel at any time our Church is open.

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY

Resurrection of the Lord - EASTER DAY – 17 April 2022

Acts 10:34-43,

Isaiah 65:17-25,

1 Corinthians 15:19-26,

John 20:1-18,

Luke 24:1-12,

Psalm 118:1-2 & 14-24.

Rev Maile's Proverbs for Daily Living –

1. A harvest of peace is produced from a seed of contentment.
2. If you would reap the praise, you must sow the seeds;
gentle words and useful deeds.

Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 17 Apr	Easter Sunday Service 9AM Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM
Tuesday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Wednesday	Nambour Floral Art 8AM-12PM
Thursday	Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Saturday 23 Apr	Nambour Orchid Society 12.15PM-4.15PM Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM

Please defer to Govt guidelines and social distancing

Why We Believe

From the scriptures, we learn of the testimony of the angels who spoke to people at the tomb. There is also what Jesus did and said in the presence of his apostles and disciples in his encounters with them after the discovery of the empty tomb. All these, taken together, manifest the resurrection perfectly, according to St. Thomas Aquinas. But they require the gift of faith because they are more than historical facts; they are supernatural realities. St. Peter Chrysologus has a beautiful way of expressing this same truth, "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts".

A major role of the Holy Spirit is to recall to memory all that Jesus had done and said. Only after his ascension did Jesus send down the Holy Spirit to assist the Church. When speaking about his death as the destruction of the temple, John explained "*After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken*". (John 2: 22). Later he said, "*I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you*".

We pray in the Nicene Creed, "...I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ... For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, rose again on the third day *in accordance with the Scriptures*... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son."