

Nambour Village Services December 2024

18 December Rotary Rev Maile 2.00PM

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Service Roster

Second Sunday of Advent 15 December 2024

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika

Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Judy and Peter Moore

Prayers: Rev Graham Warne

Data Projector: Alison Hall

Sound System:

Offering: Weekly retiring offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

Ministry

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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

No birthdays this week

So, let us celebrate
the lighting
of the candle of **JOY**,
joining with candles of
HOPE and **PEACE**.

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY NEXT SUNDAY

22 December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a,

Luke 1:39-55,

Psalm 80:1-7,

Hebrews 10:5-10.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

Growing stronger together in Christ
and sharing His love

Sunday 15 December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Collect: God of our weakness and our strength, move our hearts to praise you, to trust and rejoice in your saving grace. God of our hungers and our contentment, lead us toward the generosity you intend, and away from undue concern about self and possessions. God of peace, be with us to calm the wars within and resolve the differences among us. May our lives embody good news in all we say and do, Amen.

From the desk of the minister: "Finding Peace in a Troubled World"

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. This is the final encouragement of St. Paul to his beloved community in Philippi. Writing the amazing words from jail despite all the troubles he faced was an extra-ordinary commitment by Paul to this community. He was not thinking about himself and his fate. His staying in prison was beyond his control and may be at the end of his life but yet, He showed his love to these people by the words of hope. **"Despite,"** he said, **"whatever the circumstances of life may be, there is available for us God's all sufficient grace."** Paul opens our reading today with the word of Joy – **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."**

Paul is reminding his favourite congregation that Joy is the gladness of the heart that comes as a result of faith in Jesus Christ. Pauls wants them to be a Joyous community and also a community who does not worry about anything and in prayer can be the answer to counter their troubles. But most of all, Paul says – the peace I am reminding you is the ultimate peace – the kind of peace that goes beyond our wildest imaginations. This is the peace that I want you to take into your heart. It only comes from within, and Jesus is the only person who can offer that kind of peace for you.

The spirit of Christmas is coming and we can feel and see the busyness of so many people in different things. Making sure they have what they need for Christmas. But most things are not really important if we do have it or not have it, nothing much will affect our physical life. Finding peace in this troubled world is our priority in life. May the candle of Joy bring joy to us in our journey towards Christmas.

Grace & Peace, Rev Maile

Welcome

Nambour Uniting Church

Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

Our Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship.
Please 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.

Rev Maile Molitika is leading our Sunday Worship Service today

Please welcome the ministry of Rev Maile and his family in our Nambour Uniting Church.

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15 December 2024

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Zephaniah 3:14-20,

Isaiah 12:2-6,

Philippians 4:4-7,

Luke 3:7-18.



Luke 3:16

¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 15 Dec	Sunday Worship Service 9AM
Tuesday	Indoor Bowls 10AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Wednesday	Tai Chi 8.30AM-11.00AM Narcotics Australia 6.30PM-8.30PM
Thursday	Indoor Bowls 10AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Saturday 21 Dec	Christmas Carols Service 3PM Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM

Proverbs for Daily Living –

1. "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day." *Henri Nouwen*
2. "Joy is contagious. When you choose joy, others around you will feel it and want it too. A joyful life is a victorious life." *Unknown*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The third candle of Advent symbolises **JOY**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more.

The third candle takes us to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. So let us prepare our hearts as we prepare our homes - to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus! Our hearts are filled with hope, We have a confident expectation of your tomorrow.

The answer to confident expectation is;

"JESUS"

May the Jesus of Christmas be at your home
and reside with you for the year to come, Amen.

CHURCH OFFICE is CLOSED for a Christmas break

A shortened version of Weekly NEWS will be printed over the next couple of weeks.

Note: Narcotics Australia will be conducting all their meetings as per usual on the normal dates, ie Christmas Day meeting 6.30PM.