Nambour Village Services 2025

1 January ESTIA Rev Maile 10.00AM 5 January Bowder Rev Maile 11.00AM 20 January Rotary Rev Maile 2.00PM

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Service Roster

29 December 2024 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Gail Warland, Jimmy Stewart

Prayers: Sheila Hodges

Data Projector: Losa Molitika

Sound System:

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

THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

Dec 31 Sam Molitika Rev James Stevenson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sam and James!!

Ministry

Rev Maile Molitika 0425 378 174

Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY

29 DECEMBER 2024

First Sunday After Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

SUNDAY 29 December 2024

First Sunday After Christmas - Christmas 1

Collect: May we grow in thanksgiving and praise as you speak to us once more. Call to mind your wonderful works and the heritage of faith and trust that in ours. Encounter us now to all your glory, that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly, that we may begin to understand and have the wisdom to follow where you would lead, Amen

From the desk of the minister: "Jesus in the temple"

On Wednesday, we celebrated the coming of the Holy Baby of Bethlehem, the precious gift for the whole world. God had finally given his own Son to be one of us so that we can be transformed to new life in Christ. In the Gospel reading for Christmas - John 1:12, we are reminded of the importance of his coming. "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." The choice is ours, we can reject or we can receive. Now we move on to a new chapter in the life of Jesus according to our lectionary for this week. Jesus is twelve and he has to fulfil the requirement of the law. Hundreds of people would attend the Feast of the Passover, and every family will have its own lamb to be sacrificed in the Temple. This must be the first Passover of Jesus. Joseph and Mary took him with them. When the Celebration finished, people started to go back and Joseph and Mary thought that Jesus would have journeyed together with relatives to Nazareth. But when they arrived Jesus was not there, so they hurried back to look for Jesus. They found him in the temple in the midst of the religious leaders asking questions. Everyone was amazed at his understanding. Mary said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you," Jesus said, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus went back with them and he grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. It is great lesson for us of how to bring up our children and grandchildren. The house of the Lord is the place where they can learn and grow up with wisdom to be favoured by God and man. Grace & Peace, Rev Maile

- 1. "It is in the temple that we remember who we really are and see with clarity who we really can become."

 Jean A. Stevens
- 2. "The temple is an ever-present reminder that God intends the family to be eternal"

 Eva Taft Benson

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