

## Nambour Village Services 2025

20 January    Rotary    Rev Maile    2.00PM

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### Service Roster

**12 January 2025**

## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Minister:** Rev Maile Molitika

**Music:** Nola and Margaret

**Readers:** Lyn Colley, Gail Warland

**Prayers:** Ian Woodward

**Data Projector:** Chris Bowden

**Sound System:**

**Offering:** Weekly retiring offering

**Welcome:** Our great welcoming team

### Ministry

Rev Maile Molitika    0425 378 174

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne    5478 9747

### Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward    5441 1069

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## **THE BIRTHDAY BOOK**

14    Lavinia Molitika

15    Maree Heaton

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Lavinia and Maree!!**

## **VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY**

12 January 2025

**Third Sunday  
After Christmas**

Isaiah 43:1-7,  
Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-14,  
Ephesians 3:1-12,  
Matthew 2:1-12.



## **Nambour Uniting Church**

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

## **SUNDAY 12 January 2025**

**Third Sunday After Christmas - Christmas 3 Baptism of Jesus**

**Collect:** Fulfill the scriptures in our midst, amazing God. Send your Spirit to open our ears, enlighten our eyes, and loosen our tongues in praise and thanksgiving. We ascribe to your glory and strength, revealed ever more clearly as the Holy Spirit baptizes us with fire. May the dove that descended on Jesus also bring to us your blessing and peace. Amen.  
**From the desk of the minister: "The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River"**  
The baptism of Jesus is a great milestone in the history of God incarnate Son. Jesus did not need John's baptism for the forgiveness of sin. He was sinless. On that day, he was just one of the crowds coming for baptism, one among many. In this act, he showed his obedience to the Father, and the Father showed his approval. Luke tells us that after he was baptized, he prayed. Jesus first response was to communicate with his divine Father. And God responded, not only to his Son, but to those gathered for baptism on that day. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down on him.

Then God showed his approval by saying,

**"You are my Son; the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

Can you imagine that moment? In recording this event, Matthew tells us that when Jesus came to John for baptism, John actually tried to prevent it. Looking at him he asked, "Why do you come to me for baptism when I need to be baptized by you? Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are God's will". So John agreed. When John heard the voice from heaven speak, he knew that Jesus was the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. John the Baptist was to decrease; Jesus the Christ was to increase. The prophet's role as a spokesman for God was to be replaced by another, the promised one. The real baptizer had arrived! God had a mission for John – to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand. God had a mission for Jesus – to announce that God's kingdom had arrived. God anointed Jesus for that mission through baptism. This is the zeal of approval from God..."You are my Son; the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." **Grace & Peace, Rev Maile**  
**Proverbs for Daily Living** – 1. "When we were baptized we took upon us not only the name of Christ, but also the law of obedience." **Robert D. Hales**

2. "God brings men into deep waters not to drown them, but to cleanse them." **John H. Aughey**

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