#### Nambour Village Services 2025

20 January

Rotary

Rev Maile

2.00PM

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#### Service Roster

## **19 January 2025 Second Sunday after** the Epiphany

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Margaret Mason, Losa Molitika

Prayers: Peter Bowden

Data Projector: Chris Bowden

**Sound System:** 

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

# THE **BIRTHDAY BOOK**

21 Wayne Troyahn

23 Jenny Brown

Alison Hall

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Wayne, Jenny And Alison!!

#### 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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## **VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY**

12 January 2025

## **Second Sunday after** the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 36:5-10. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.



# **Nambour Uniting Church**

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

## **SUNDAY 19 January 2025**

### Epiphany 2

Collect: Transforming God, whose presence in Jesus blessed the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and whose gifts are available to all who will accept them, inspire us now as you speak once more through the scriptures. Grant us the courage to answer when you call our names, Amen.

### From the desk of the minister: The abundance of God

The Gospel reading for today is the story of the wedding in Cana, Galilee. We don't know whose wedding it was, but Jesus and the disciples were invited to the celebration. This is the first miracle of Jesus according to John's gospel. When I was preparing for this service, I saw the importance of the family to Jesus. This is the beginning of his public ministry, and maybe the evangelist John highlighted the importance of family right at the beginning.

It was good that this family invited Jesus to their wedding. Family is important to Jesus, in fact he chose a family in Bethany to be an important part of his life. He spent a few times with this family, sharing and eating and teaching and even brought back one member to life.

But according to our reading, this was the first family to have invited Jesus and the disciples to this wedding. It might be close family of Mary when she was concerned about the reputation of the family.

But the important part of the story; Jesus saves this family from embarrassment when the wine was running out. And it was not just a few bottles of wine, it was 6 great stone jars of wine, and it was the best.

The abundance of God's love to us in not something very small. It is huge and cannot be matched by anyone on earth.

We learn from this story about the willingness of Jesus to be part of our joy and happiness. He did not think of happiness and fun as things to be ashamed of.

No human need was trivial to him.

Jesus really wants us to be happy and enjoy life to the fullest. **Grace & Peace, Rev Maile** 

**Proverbs for Daily Living** -1. "When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance." Joel Osteen 2. "Life in abundance comes only through great love." *Elbert Hubbard* 

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