

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)
St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)
Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*God's work
in our life
puts a song
in our heart.*

Sunday 22nd May 2022 Easter 6

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Bulletin info to Nola or to Parish Email by **Wednesday by 5pm.**

Welcome... We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May your lives respond in praise and thanksgiving. Thank you to Pastor Brian Schwarz for leading today's services at Nain and St Peter's Greenock and to Grant and Cathy Wills leading the service at Gnadenfrei Marananga.

OPENING.....Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PRAYERS Let us pray for the fruit of the Spirit

Almighty and merciful God, you send your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of all your people. Open our hearts to receive his riches, so that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Offering Prayer... Let us pray:

Lord, you have made us yours and have given us your Spirit to live in us.
Help us to live as your people. Use us and what you have given us to do your work among others. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Brian & Janet Schwarz, Grant & Cathy Wills (LR – Marananga)
Linn Zimmerman (M); Neville & Christine Mibus & Emily (GR); Chelsea Materne (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face shine on us -

so that your ways may be known on earth,

your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;

may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God;

may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;

God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still,

so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

Bible Readings:

Sunday 22nd May – Easter 6 (White) – Psalm 67

1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15 Paul takes the good news to Philippi

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 10-22, 22:5 The new Jerusalem

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 23-39 'I'm going to the Father'

Pastor Schwarz Sermon Text John 14:27

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

ACTS 16:9-15: Paul and his helpers had been prevented by the Spirit from going further into Asia and Bithynia with his intended journey. The vision of an appeal from a man from Macedonia now took them and the gospel onto the European continent for the first time. Philippi appeared to present little encouragement as apparently there were not enough Jewish men there to open a synagogue. The gospel found response, though, in the businesswoman, Lydia, and among a small group of women meeting with her by the river. God's direction of the gospel to Philippi resulted in a church which grew there.

REVELATION 21:10,22 - 22:5: Once again the heavenly Jerusalem comes down in John's vision. Heaven is here depicted as a place of light. God is its light. Therefore sin and shame are excluded and life is complete and perfect. John sees both leadership and populace bringing only honour and glory into the holy city, with no dark deeds anymore to contaminate it. God's purpose for humankind is now fulfilled. The river providing water of life and the tree of life and healing symbolise the constant energy and purity emanating from God to its occupants. The Lamb occupies the throne together with God.

JOHN 14:23-29: Love is what unites believers with the Lord together with their faith. The Father in his grace comes to dwell in such a believer who in turn keeps (believes, confesses and obeys) the words of Christ. Christ promised the disciples that the Spirit sent from the Father in his name would continue the leadership he had given during his earthly ministry. Their love would weather his absence because of their faith in his destination and return.

SERVICES: Please refer to Bulletin for services – sometimes The Leader makes wrong entries from info given to it on Friday before Wednesday issue

Sunday 29th May Easter 7 (White)

St Peter's 9.00am with Pastor David Gogoll

NOTE: Welcoming new Members during Service (see Notice below)

Nain 9.00am LR with Geoff Saegenschmitter

Gnadenfrei 10.30am with Pastor David Gogoll

Sunday 29th May – Easter 7 (White) – Psalm 97

1st Reading: Acts 16:16-34 Paul and Silas in prison

2nd Reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16,17,20,21 Jesus is coming soon

The Holy Gospel: John 17: 20-26 Jesus prays for all believers

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 29th May

Flowers – Karyn Materne **Cleaning** – Chris Mibus & Lyn Hoffmann

Welcoming / Attendance / Morning Tea – Megan & Ashley Klose **Sound** – Ashley Klose

Readings – Tania Kalleske **PowerPoint** – Carol Kalleske **Kids' Chat** – Pastor David Gogoll

Music – Heather Obst **Stewards** – Mark & Noelene Kalleske

St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 29th May (please advise Nola of any changes)

Cleaning – Check **Flowers** Mavis Neldner **Readings** – Helen Carter

Welcome / Attendance for May – Jenny Neldner

TAKE NOTE

COVID UPDATE. The further easing of COVID restrictions effective from April 15th means that masks and check-ins are no longer required in churches. Please continue to make use of hand-sanitizer when entering the buildings, monitor for symptoms and stay home if you are unwell. Communion at the altar rail has been resumed, coming forward as directed by the usher. Morning tea has also resumed and you are welcome to stand to eat and drink. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. We are grateful for this easing of restrictions.

Members are reminded to not attend church or other events/gatherings when feeling unwell or think they have been exposed to COVID-19.

Please remember that people can wear a mask if they choose to do so. It is important that we are kind and considerate to everyone whether they choose to wear a mask or not.

- **Ladies Fellowship Meeting Tuesday 24th May** 1.30pm Greenock Chat Room "Biggest Afternoon Tea to support Cancer Council. Please bring an interesting cup, mug, teapot or tea set for display. A plate of afternoon tea and a donation for Cancer Council would be appreciated. Bible Study from May *Lutheran Women*. Select your favourite Psalm to contribute (*reference see page 9*).
- **The Parish Call Committee** meeting with Pastor Stephen Schulz is scheduled for **Thursday 26th May** at 7pm. Congregation Members: Please check the list of pastors available for Call and advise your Congregation Representative/s of your suggestion prior to this date.
- **Welcoming New Members to St Peter's** – During the 9am Service conducted by Pastor David Gogoll NEXT **Sunday, 29th May**, St Peter's will officially welcome with joy, the following new members into our church family – Brett, Kirsty, Jacob & Ruby Seabrook, Sophie Feltus, Brian Helbig, Karyn Materne, Rose Smith and Mark Wendt. Please join us as we celebrate this special occasion, followed by morning tea.
- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 1st June, 10.00am** at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Parish Council Meeting: 16th June** at 7.30pm in the Greenock Church Chat Room.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during May with pantry items of; Chunky soup, toothbrushes, 2 in1 Shampoo/Conditioner.
- **Holy Communion at home:** If you, or you know someone, who requires Pastoral visits with Holy Communion, please let one of your congregation Pastoral Assistants know so that this can be arranged.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220510>
- **Lutheran Care Community Connections Program** for 18-65 year olds, living in South Australia and who need some support to connect to their chosen community. Please refer anyone who you think might benefit from this exciting new program by phoning 8562 2688 or email the team at communityconnections@lutherancare.org.au

Lutheran Care has some exciting update about our Community Connections Program in the Barossa, Light and Lower North Region. We've just had some new appointments become available and we would love to offer these spots to people who you think could benefit from this service before we no longer have capacity.

We aim to help people become connected to their community by helping them to re-connect with family and friends, access local services, find volunteering opportunities and/or build new skills!

We are also looking at potential social groups that we could start up at different locations around the region. We have created an expression of interest form that is open to anyone who would like to have a say!

- **Stamps for Mission:** Place in marked box at your church (then to Rhonda Schild).

Please remember that all notices/Roster information for the Bulletin needs to be in by 5pm Wednesday. Please also send to the Parish Office address. Late notices may miss out being printed or may have to be heavily edited to fit on the Bulletin pages. Thankyou.