

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

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

Sunday 5th June 2022 Pentecost Day

Theme for our worship

*'The Holy Spirit Comes With Power to Reveal Christ
and Bring Us New Life in Him'*



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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 Ken Pfitzner for leading today's services at Gnadenfrei Marananga and at Nain, and to Kylie Rosenzweig for leading the service at St Peter's Greenock.

OPENING.....

Today, in the Church calendar, is the festival of ***Pentecost***, when we celebrate the **special outpouring of God's Spirit** on His people, to be with them with His power and presence. May the Holy Spirit continue to bring you the blessings of new life in Christ and equip you with his gifts for serving Him.

PRAYERS *[We pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be at work in us]*

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, making the disciples bold to preach the good news. Send us out with the power of the same Spirit to spread the fire of your love. 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:

Holy God, may the Spirit you give us make us more and more like your Son, loving and self-giving. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Ken & Joan Pfitzner, Kylie Rosenzweig & family (LR – Greenock)
Dianne Auricht, (M); Chelsea Mickan (GR); Milton Materne (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM 104: 24-34, 35b

How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, vast and spacious,

teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

There the ships go to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

All creatures look to you

to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them,

they gather it up;

when you open your hand,

they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face,

they are terrified;

when you take away their breath,

they die and return to the dust.

When you send your Spirit,

they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

as I rejoice in the Lord.

**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 5th June – Pentecost (Red) – Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17 The Spirit makes us God's children

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 8-17 (25-27) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

Pastor Pfitzner Sermon John 14: 26,27

*The Holy Spirit help us to remember and enjoy
All God's blessings in Christ*

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

ACTS 2:1-21: This is the 'baptism with the Holy Spirit' predicted by John the Baptist concerning Jesus, and referred to by Jesus after his resurrection (Acts 1:5). It marks the culmination of his earthly ministry and the beginning of his continuing ministry by the Holy Spirit through his church into all the world. The miracle of tongues lay not only in the rational and powerful use by the disciples of languages never learnt, but also in the hearing of Jewish people from all around the Mediterranean world. Tongues of fire and the sound of rushing wind both figure in Old Testament imagery when the presence of God was involved. Peter's reversal from his former fearful denial to brave confession of Christ, occasioned by the Spirit, proclaimed the long-planned purpose accomplished now in this sign. This prophesying and proclamation in tongues was mentioned by the prophet Joel among the cataclysmic signs of the end, thus demonstrating that this era has now been entered. Most importantly in all of this, 'Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'.

ROMANS 8:14-17: This section emphasises the very centre of God's gracious entry into human lives. Sin is the barrier which has shut us off from God. That state becomes a harsh slavery. Sin is a hard taskmaster. Fear results from this slavery, whether now or in the hereafter. It is the Spirit who brings Christ's redeeming light and cleansing into the soul of a believer through the life-giving word of promise. This release into a loving and confident relationship with the Father is natural when one has been made a son or daughter and an official heir of God himself.

JOHN 14:8-17,25-27: Philip's request to Jesus to show him and the other disciples the Father was met by a lengthy explanation. They should have realised that seeing Jesus and seeing the Father were one and the same thing, insofar as he was the perfect image of the Father. He and the Father were one. That was surely demonstrated adequately by Jesus' whole ministry of teaching and miraculous signs. In his going to the Father was assurance that he would actuate the Father to send the Spirit of truth who would live in them. The Spirit would continue to lead, teach and remind them of Jesus' teachings. Pentecost Day brought fulfilment of this promise.

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

Sunday 12th June Holy Trinity (White)

Nain 9.00am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

Gnadenfrei 9.00am LR with Grant & Cathy Wills

St Peter's Greenock 10.30am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

Sunday 12th June – Holy Trinity (White) – Psalm 8

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Wisdom's role in creation

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-5 The Christian experience of Trinity

The Holy Gospel: John 16: 12-15 The Spirit of God will bear witness to Jesus

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 12th June

Flowers – Judy Mosey **Cleaning** – Janet Nitschke & Lyn Schmidt

Welcoming / Attendance / Morning Tea – Nick & Lisa Werner **Sound** – Ashley Klose

Readings – Michelle Mickan **PowerPoint** – Kylie Rosenzweig **Kids' Chat** – Ali Barkley

Music – John & Ali Barkley **Stewards** – Mark & Noelene Kalleske

St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 12th June (please advise Nola of any changes)

Cleaning – (check) **Flowers** Jenny Neldner **Readings** – Grant & Cathy Wills

Morning Tea – Helen C. & Annette T. **Welcome / Attendance for June** – Bevan & Margaret R.

Jesus' Ascension was celebrated on May 26. You will notice now that the Paschal Candle has been relocated from the Gospel side of the sanctuary (left side when facing altar) to near the baptism font.

It will only be lit during Baptisms and funeral services – highlighting the close connection between Jesus' death and resurrection and our own dying and resurrection with him through baptism.

The significance of the extinguishing of the light during the Gospel Reading (Luke 24:44-53) on Ascension Day is that the Light of the World has withdrawn his visible presence and returned to his Father.

TAKE NOTE

Covid Restrictions - our response of care

Please do not attend worship if you are unwell or if you have Covid symptoms, or been exposed to Covid and feel the need to adhere to health and safety protocols.

Masks are not mandatory at worship. However you are still encouraged to wear a mask if this helps you to feel more comfortable. We will need to be aware that some people may not be comfortable and may choose to adopt or refrain from some practices out of caution and personal circumstances. People are asked to be mindful of respecting people's choice to wear or not to wear masks.

- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 7th June, 10.00am** at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Movie Night** Holy Trinity Church Hall **Sunday 12th June** 7 pm for the movie "I Still Believe" is an uplifting true-life story of a Christian music megastar Jeremy Camp. This inspiring tale follows Jeremy's search for his artistic voice, leading him to his wildest professional dreams, as well as the love of his life. But Jeremy's hope and faith are put to the test when tragedy strikes. "I Still Believe" is an incredible story of musical stardom, the heights of love, the depths of loss, and the healing power of the human spirit. Cost \$5 incl. popcorn and a drink.
- **Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 14th June** at 7.30pm in the Greenock Church Chat Room.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during June with items of Adult toothbrushes, tinned mixed vegetables & tinned ham.
- **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.
- **For General Information- Members of the Parish Call Committee are –**
St Peter's Greenock: Jack Mickan, Amy McDonald, Sandra Nicholls & Henry Barkley
Nain: Geoff Saegenschmitter, Tracey Obst & David Materne
St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Martin Pfeiffer, Ginny Jones & Jenny Neldner
On Thursday, 26 May the Call Committee met with Assistant Bishop Stephen Schulz. Names of pastors available for call were presented. Six pastors have been contacted and the Call Committee is hoping to talk informally with some of the pastors next week. Please pray for our Committee members and our prospective new pastor.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220524>

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.