

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)

St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Nain Lutheran Church (N)

Sunday 4th September 2022

Pentecost 13

*The pleasures
of earth
cannot
compare to the
joys of heaven*

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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 Graham Jenke for leading today's services at Nain and St Peter's Greenock and to Grant and Cathy Wills leading the Lay Reading service at Gnadenfrei Marananga.

OPENING.....

The Lord has set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you may live. (*Deut 30:19 NRSV alt*)

PRAYERS (Let us pray that we follow Jesus.) [silence]

Jesus, our light and life, make us ready to turn away from everything else that claims our allegiance, and follow you as our only Saviour. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Prayer... Let us pray:

Help us, Lord, to commit our lives to you, and willingly to offer ourselves and our possessions for your purposes. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Graham & Faye Jenke, Grant & Cathy Wills (LR-Gnadenfrei)
Geoff & Margaret Koch (M); John & Greta Schild (GR); Ismay Grosser (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM 1

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take

or sit in the company of mockers,

but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,

and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—

whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

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 4th September – Pentecost 13 (Green) – Psalm 1

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 A choice between life and death

2nd Reading: Philemon 1:21 A personal appeal to Philemon

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 The cost of being a disciple

Pastor Jenke's Sermon Theme Luke 14: 25-33

'Come to Jesus and be His disciple'

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20: As his life draws to a close, Moses refers the people to Israel's crossing of the Jordan River in which he cannot join them. He wants his words to go with them and therefore warns them of the choices that will determine their wellbeing in the Promised Land. These will be life and prosperity if the people remain faithful and obedient to the Lord. On the other hand, there will be death and adversity if they forget the Lord and stray into idol worship. He therefore urges them to remember God's promises

to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that their descendants will possess the land in order to bring blessing to the world. Their faithfulness will make them partners with God in fulfilling his promise.

PHILEMON 1-21: Onesimus, a slave of Philemon at Colossae, absconded to Rome on proceeds of his master. Having become a convert to Christ, he served Paul for a time during Paul's Roman imprisonment. Paul sent Onesimus back to his former master in order to make amends. This accompanying letter which Paul wrote and sent with Onesimus is a gem of tact and understanding, allowing Philemon the freedom

to make decisions personally which would reconcile slave and master. Paul lifts the relationship even above this by his loving assumption that Philemon will now see Onesimus as a brother in Christ.

LUKE 14:25-33: Jesus had become a popular figure. He warned the crowd following him that no one should consider becoming his disciple without weighing up properly what it meant in personal cost. He called for a follower's first love to be even over and above the closest family relationships. The seemingly harsh saying about 'not hating father and mother' should be taken in the context of 'loving less' (compare Matthew 10:37). Discipleship may mean the thorns of suffering and even death. Two illustrations, the tower builder and the king going to war, bring home the reality that there is a cost to discipleship that must realistically be counted.

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

Sunday 11th September Pentecost 14 (Green)

Greenock 9.00am with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Nain 9.00am LR with Michael Obst

Gnadenfrei 10.30am with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Sunday 4th September – Pentecost 14 (Green) – Psalm 51: 1-10

1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14 Moses pleads for his people and the Lord relents

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Gratitude for God's mercy

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 The lost sheep and the lost coin

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 11th September

Flowers – TBA Cleaning – TBA

Welcoming / Attendance / Morning Tea - Nick & Lisa Werner Sound – John Barkley

Readings – Lisa Werner PowerPoint – Kylie Rosenzweig Kids' Chat – Paula Menzel

Music – Heather + Group Stewards – Troy Kalleske & Mark Kernich

St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 11th September

Readings – Josh Mieglich Welcome / September – Yvonne & John Pfeiffer

Covid Restrictions - our response of care

- Please continue to make use of hand sanitiser as you enter the buildings, monitor for symptoms, and stay home if you are unwell. We encourage those who would like to wear a mask to do so. We also encourage all who attend to be considerate of others who may choose to adopt or refrain from different practices out of caution and personal circumstances.
- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 6th September**, 10.00am at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Ladies Fellowship: Friday 16th September** LWSA-NT Barossa Zone Fellowship Day 8.30 – 3pm at St Petri Nuriootpa. Theme is **Rescued**. Worship with HC; Bible Study, Guest Speaker Rose Brook (Animal Rescue).

- **Bible Society Worship and Fundraiser: Sunday 25th September** Please join us for 10:30am worship as the JAM children share with us about the Bible Society during the service, followed by a shared Subway lunch, trading table and fun activities – more details to come.
- **Shoebboxes of love** packing will be held at Gnadenfrei hall on **Friday 23rd September** at 7:30pm. Please bring along your items to include in the boxes. All welcome.
We aim to pack at least 60 boxes this year. If you would like to contribute, and have not been shopping yet, the items most useful for packing are: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hair brush, comb, socks and undies (in children's sizes 4 to 12), stickers, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener, pencil case. Also small toys that will fit in a shoebox including tennis ball, high bounce balls, skipping rope, yo-yo, cars and farm animals, small musical instruments.
Please leave items in the Gnadenfrei hall or contact Jenny Neldner.
Monetary donations will also be gratefully received as boxes cost \$10 each to send off.
Thank you all very much for your support of this project.
- **Birthing Kits for PNG** will be packed at the next Ladies Fellowship meeting on **Tuesday 27th September**. If you would like to help with this project by donating items, that would be greatly appreciated. We are aiming to pack 50 kits this year and would appreciate donations of cakes of soap, newborn singlets size 0000 or 000, cloth nappies and large linen squares (eg cut up old sheets 1 metre x 1 metre size). If you have any of these items to donate please pass them on to a member of the Ladies Fellowship or contact Jenny Neldner. Thank you for your support of this project.
- **Marananga Wine Show:** The 19th annual wine show, an initiative of St. Michael's Gnadenfrei Lutheran Church was held last week. 111 wine entries were judged on the Thursday 25th at Gnadenfrei Lutheran Hall. The public tasting took place at Peter Lehmann's Old Redemption Cellar on Friday. This year volunteers poured the wine for the public tasting. We thank the Parish and community helpers as well as volunteers from Make-a-Wish who assisted with the new format. Special thanks to the 14 sponsors many of whom have supported this event since the first wine show in 2004. We acknowledge the hard work of the wine show committee consisting of Gnadenfrei members and several people from the local community. Profits from the public tasting event will once again support the wine education programs at Faith Lutheran College and Nuriootpa High School.
- **If your weekly bulletin** is missing from your email inbox, check your email 'Junk box'.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during **September** with items of peanut butter, strawberry jam and toothpaste.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220830>
- **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.
- **Stamps for Mission:** Place in the marked box at your church (then to Rhonda Schild).
Please also send your Bulletin notices by Wednesday 5pm to the Parish Office address – greenock.sa@lca.org.au. Late notices may miss out being printed or may have to be heavily edited to fit on the Bulletin pages. Thankyou.