

# Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

*St. Peter's Greenock (GR)*

*St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)*

*Nain Lutheran Church (N)*

*Because God  
is with us, we  
need not fear  
what is ahead  
of us.*

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Last Sunday of the Church Year

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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 Gnadenfrei Marananga and Nain; and to Peter Rawlings and Kylie Rosenzweig for leading the Lay Reading service at St Peter's Greenock.

**OPENING.....** (Let us pray for confidence in the Day of Judgment)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
**when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,**  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
**and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.** (*Jer 23:5 NRSV*)

**PRAYERS** (Let us pray to be ready for Christ's return. [silence])

Merciful Saviour, you have taught us that those who believe in you will not be condemned, but have already passed from death to life. Give us faith in your forgiveness, so that we fearlessly wait for the time when you set us completely free. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

**Offering Prayer...** Let us pray:

**Our heavenly Father, help us always to acknowledge that Jesus is our Lord, who will finally come in power to save us. Teach us to dedicate our lives to him, and to serve you through what we do and what we have. Amen**

## PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Graham and Faye Jenke; Pastor Eugene, Nikki, Kaden, Piper & Beau Minge  
Peter Rawlings & Kylie Rosenzweig (LR-Greenock); Colin & Judy Traeger (M);  
Roger & Rosi Wendt, Alec, Tahlia & Lee (GR); Michael & Tracey Obst (N)  
The Neldner Family on the passing of John Neldner earlier this week;  
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

## TODAY'S PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
**an ever-present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
**and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam  
**and the mountains quake with their surging.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall;  
**God will help her at break of day.**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
**he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see what the LORD has done,  
**the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease  
**to the ends of the earth.**

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
**he burns the shields with fire.**

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> November – Last Sunday Church Year (Green) – Psalm 46**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 The Lord will raise up a righteous Branch

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20 The supremacy of Christ

The Holy Gospel: Luke 19: 11-27 The parable of the gold coins

Marananga & Nain Sermon & Theme: 'Come, Lord Jesus, come!' based on Revelations 22:7

## NOTES ON THE READINGS...

**JEREMIAH 23:1-6:** The term 'shepherds' here refers to the kings of Israel and other rulers. There had been a record of unbelieving and unrighteous leadership which had resulted in the people being 'scattered', 'driven away', and 'not being attended to'. There could also be a reference here to a particular weak king, Zedekiah, whose name means 'The Lord is my righteousness'. Jeremiah prophesies that the Messiah whom God would one day send to restore and regather his people will be called 'the Lord is our righteousness'. Jesus Christ in his priestly and kingly roles has established his kingdom in which his own righteousness becomes ours through the shedding of his blood to cleanse from sin.

**COLOSSIANS 1:11-20:** Christians need strength to meet the powers of evil which threaten from the world and from Satan's kingdom of darkness. The power to endure, though, is joyfully experienced, and thanksgiving ensues from their radical rescue from the darkness of evil into the light shared by the saints. Christ's redemption and forgiveness have accomplished this. However, salvation is at stake if the gospel is set aside for an altered belief system. False teachers had been trying to lead the Colossian Christians into seeking 'fullness' through a range of spiritual thrones, dominions and powers that supposedly stretch between earth and heaven. Paul therefore here directed them back to the only understanding on which true faith could rest. Because Christ was pre-eminent in the created order and active in the initial creation itself, 'all the fullness of God dwells in him'. Through him alone reconciliation and peace was freely granted through the blood of the cross.

**LUKE 19:11-27:** The disciples expected the kingdom of God in its fullness to come at once. The Lord saw the need for them to know he had much work for them to do before then. This parable illustrates the importance of the work entrusted to his believing followers to spread the gospel. The nobleman gave each of his summoned slaves a differing sum to 'do business' for him until his return. Christ, in leaving his earthly kingdom through crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension, would return one day. He then would examine the results of the differing abilities of his servants to carry out his work. It is faithfulness in the use of those talents which is rewarded rather than the amount which is achieved. If the servant who does nothing needs to shift the blame elsewhere, let not the choice be to blame God. He is gracious and merciful to whoever trusts and obeys. Those who will not permit Christ to be king will be shut out of the kingdom. An encouraging but serious note on which to end the church year!!

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** Advent 1 (Violet)

**Nain 9.00am HC** with Pastor David Gogoll

**Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am LR** with Grant & Cathy Wills

**Greenock HC 10.30am** with Pastor David Gogoll

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Advent 1- Year A (Violet) – Psalm 122**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 God's kingdom of peace

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 Our salvation is near

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 11-14 No one knows the day or hour

## **St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Flowers** – Helen Wendt   **Cleaning** – Carol Kalleske & Judy Mosey

**Welcoming / Attendance** – Sally & Troy Kalleske   **Kids' Chat** – Trevor Waldhuter

**Readings** – Ashley Klose   **PowerPoint** – Carol Kalleske   **Sound** – Lisa Werner

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

## **St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Readings** – Grant & Cathy W   **M/Tea** – Judy Handke   **Welcome/November** – Jenny Neldner.

# **TAKE NOTE**

- **John Neldner** passed away on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Tanunda Lutheran Home. His funeral will be conducted at St Petri Church, Nuriootpa on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10.00am.**
- **Gnadenfrei Ladies** Thank you to the ladies who helped supply and pack honey biscuits last Tuesday for LWSA-NT Christmas Cheer project
- **Parish Prayer Group** In recess **December and January** months.
- **Ladies Guild Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Please note this meeting day has been postponed until next year. The decision was made because key people will be absent with the bereavement of John Neldner and another who is isolating with Covid.  
However, it is still planned to have the **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at the Company Kitchen at Angaston 12noon.  
RSVP re-attendance – St Peter's ladies: Marj Wendt will be contacting you.  
Gnadenfrei ladies: Margaret Koch will contacting you.  
Offering is for ALWS Gifts of Grace.
- **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 **October and November** with items of medium boxes of cereal, sweet biscuits. These items are the requested contributions from this Parish for the BLC Christmas Hamper Program.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/221108>.
- **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 marked box at your church (then to Rhonda Schild).