

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)

St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*The power of
Christ within
you is greater
than the
pressure of
troubles around
you.*

Sunday 15th January 2023

Epiphany 2

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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 Pastor Brian Schwarz for leading the services at Nain and St Peter's Greenock; and to Helen Carter leading the service at Gnadenfrei Marananga.

OPENING.....

The Lord says: 'I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth'. (Isa 49:6 NRSV)

PRAYERS We pray that God will keep us true to our calling as his followers.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by your loving kindness alone that you accept us and call us to serve you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling. 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

Faithful God, we thank you for calling us to be your holy people, in fellowship with your Son. Take our lives and our possessions and use them for your service. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Brian & Janet Schwarz Pastor; Eugene, Nikki, Kaden, Piper & Beau Minge
Helen Carter (Gnadenfrei)

Dulcie Waechter, Shane Waechter (M); Elva Dahlenberg (GR); Peter Seymon (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

PSALM 40: 1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock

and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the LORD

and put their trust in him.

Blessed is the one

who trusts in the LORD,

who does not look to the proud,

to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, LORD my God,

are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—

but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—

it is written about me in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God;

your law is within my heart.”

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;

I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;

I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness

from the great assembly.

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;

may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

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

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

Psalm 46 declares that *God is the refuge and strength of his people, a very present help in trouble.* Pray that God would be an ever-present help and refuge to those who have been so significantly impacted by devastating floodwaters across Australia.

Pray for pastors and their congregations serving affected communities in St John’s Lutheran Church in Forbes, NSW, and the numerous congregations throughout the Riverland and Mid-Murray areas. Pray that by His grace, they will be enabled and equipped to be faithful servants in the midst of hardship and effective witnesses of His saving message

Sunday 15th January Epiphany 2 - Year A (Green) Psalm 40:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7 God's servant a light to the nations

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 Grace and peace from God in Christ

The Holy Gospel: John 1: 29-42 Jesus the Lamb of God

NOTES ON THE READINGS ...

ISAIAH 49:1-7: In this second of the four 'servant songs' of Isaiah, the servant makes known his unique formation and call from the time of his conception, and his hidden powerful qualities intended by God to restore Israel, the people of God. Though Isaiah expresses the futility of his efforts, the Lord says that he will not only restore Israel but will reach out to bless all the world with salvation. Looking back from our point in history, we see that the prophecy was never completed in its entirety until the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9: Paul had learnt of divisions and abuses within the life of his beloved Corinthian congregation. It was because of this that he wrote this letter to its members. Yet in the words of the greeting and following introduction he affirms only their high calling. They are called to be saints and to be in the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord. He refers to the high degree of the spiritual gifts with which God had endowed the congregation. He is confident that the testimony of Jesus Christ will keep them until that day when he comes to be the judge of all.

JOHN 1:29-42: John the Baptist had already witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus when he had baptised him. Here he tells the assembled crowd that Jesus is the one to whom he had been pointing in his preaching and baptising ministry in preparation for the coming Messiah. The reference to Jesus being the Lamb of God points to the central nature of the Messiah's work, namely the forgiveness of sin of the world. Two of John's disciples followed Jesus from this time and brought others, seeing him because of John's words to be the promised Messiah.

Sunday 22nd January 2023 Epiphany 3 Green

Greenock 9.00am with Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Nain 9.00am LR

Gnadenfrei Marananga 10.30am with Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Sunday 22nd January Epiphany 3 - Year A (Green) Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4 People who have lived in darkness have seen a great light

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 An appeal to avoid factions

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 Jesus begins his work – light has dawned

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 22nd January

Flowers – Judy Mosey **Cleaning** – Lorraine Kalleske & Carol Kalleske (T)

Readings – John Kalleske **Welcoming / Attendance** – John & Lorraine Kalleske

Kids' Chat – Paula Menzel **PowerPoint** – Michelle Mickan **Sound** – Isaac Barkley

Music – John, Ali, Kylie L, Sally & Megan **Stewards** – Ashley Klose & Isaac/Hannah Barkley

TAKE NOTE

- **Pastor Minge & Family** - Pastor Eugene, his wife Nikki and children Kaden, Piper and Beau have moved in to the manse at Greenock. Pastor is on Leave until his installation. They may worship in our congregations in coming weeks, and if they do come, please make them very welcome.

Geoff Saegenschnitter, Parish Chairperson.

- **Installation Service** of Pastor Eugene Minge, 2:00pm, ***Sunday 5th February***, at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Greenock. Bishop David Altus and Zone Pastor, Adrian Kitson are officiating. All are invited to attend, to warmly welcome our new Pastor and his family into our Greenock Parish.

A shared afternoon tea will follow in the adjoining church hall, so stay tuned for more information. NOTE: There will be no morning services in the Parish on this day.

- **Gnadenfei Church Council Meeting Monday 16th January**
- **St Peter's Devotional Resources** – Do you like to do a daily devotion? A reminder that there are some excellent devotional resources in the Church 'Link to Life' Library, which are available for anyone to borrow and use throughout the year. May you be blessed through your quiet time with God.

- **Parish Prayer Group** In recess ***during January***.

- **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.

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