

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)

St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*To choose
Christ now
is a choice
for eternity.*

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Epiphany 3

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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 Peter Kriewaldt for leading the services at St Peter's Greenock and Gnadenfrei Marananga; and to Alex and Bernadette Zimmermann leading the service at Nain.

OPENING.....

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. *(Isa 9:2 NRSV)*

PRAYERS (Let us pray for Christ's light to shine on us)

Thank you, Jesus, for coming as the light for the world. Shine into our darkness, so that we see God's love, and follow in the way you show us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Thank you, saving God, for all the good things you have given us, especially for your Son, the light for the world. Teach us to live in his light, remaining in harmony with one another and reaching out in love to others. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Peter & Helen Kriewaldt; Pastor Eugene, Nikki, Kaden, Piper & Beau Minge
Alex & Bernadette Zimmermann (LR-Nain)

Lorraine Wendt (M); Gill Gordon (GR); Glenda Young (N)

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

PSALM 27: 1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

God my Saviour.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

Greenock & Marananga Sermon & Theme: Matthew 4:12-23 '*Follow Jesus*'

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

NOTES ON THE READINGS ...

ISAIAH 9:1-4: Here the prophet adds to a previous prophecy he delivered to King Ahaz that a feared joint attack from Syria and the Northern Kingdom against Judah would not eventuate. He outlines that a period of darkness in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali (through distress brought about by defeat) will be followed by a wonderful period of light (through the lifting of defeat). The rejoicing of the people will be akin to that of victory. There will be prosperity through God's freeing them of the weight of their oppressor. Verses following this reading attribute this to the leadership of an occupant of the throne of King David.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18: Paul, having left the congregation which he founded at Corinth, had learnt through concerned reports of divisions which violated the bond of fellowship in Christ. These divisions in the congregation occurred as a result of different groups of people giving their pre-eminent loyalty to one particular preacher over another on account of individual gifts and personality. This cannot be, for Christ and his gospel bring unity in faith and love, for Christ died to make all 'at one' with God through redemption. The gospel and its unimpeded proclamation must come above all other considerations because of its power to save.

MATTHEW 4:12-23: With the imprisonment of John the Baptist, the ministry of Jesus began. Making the city of Capernaum in Galilee his headquarters, Jesus thereby began his messianic ministry preaching, 'Repent, the kingdom of heaven has come near'. Matthew links this with the prophecy of the Messiah in today's readings, thereby indirectly acclaiming Jesus to be the messianic descendant of King David. The enlistment of four disciples is followed by Jesus' pattern of ministry in preaching, teaching and healing.

Sunday 29th January 2023 Epiphany 4 Green

Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am HC with Pastor Wally Schiller

Greenock 9.00am LR with Ali Barkley & Michelle Mickan

Nain 10.30am HC with Pastor Wally Schiller

Sunday 29th January Epiphany 4 - Year A (Green) Psalm 15

1st Reading: Micah 6: 1-8 The Lord's case against Israel

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 God chooses the weak

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes: life in God's kingdom

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 29th January

Flowers – Janet Nitschke **Cleaning** – Tracey Billing & Elaine Obst

Readings – Malcolm Nitschke **Welcoming / Attendance** – Janet & Malcolm Nitschke

Kids' Chat – Trevor Waldhuter **PowerPoint** – Mark Kernich **Sound** – Lisa Werner

Music – Heather & Group **Stewards** – Karen & Tania Kalleske

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.

- **St Peter's Church Council** meets **Tuesday, 24th January**, 7:00pm.
- **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.

Afternoon tea:

Please bring a plate of food to share with others in the hall following Pastor's installation. NOTE: There will be no morning services in the Parish on this day.

- **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.

➤ **A devotion option**

Start or finish each day in God's word, with devotions written by LCA/NZ members, pastors and laypeople, specifically for these challenging times. Sign up to receive Daily Devotion in your inbox every morning. It arrives soon after 2.30AM...

To receive a link, simply ask at www.lca.org.au/daily-devotion. Subscribe to receive them daily via email by clicking on the link on that same page. The Daily Devotions project is supported by the LCA Special Ministry Fund, which is made possible by the generous financial assistance of the LLL. In each edition of The Lutheran magazine (now coming only every two months) you can find a selection of the devotions in the previous weeks.

- **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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