

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

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

*The wise will
recognise their
limitations and
God's unlimited
power.*

Sunday 14th May 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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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.

Join Pastor Eugene for services at Gnadenfrei Marananga, and at Nain, or join Ali and John Barkley taking the Lay Reading service at St Peter's Greenock.

Sunday 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter (White) **MOTHER'S DAY**

Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am HC with Pastor Eugene

Greenock 9.00am LR with Ali & John Barkley

Nain 10.30am HC with Pastor Eugene

OPENING.....

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time.

He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring us safely home to God.

He suffered physical death,

but he was raised to life in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18 NLT)

PRAYERS

Lord God, the giver of all good things, inspire us to think what is right and guide us to do it, 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

Heavenly Father, you have loved us and given us your Spirit to live within us. Help us, through your Spirit, to do your will and show your love to others. Amen.

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Ali & John Barkley & family (LR – Greenock); Bevan & Margaret Roennfeldt (M)

Shaun & Briony Kalleske, Lily-Dene & Jackson, Mark Kernich (G) Geoff & Enis Saegenschnitter (N)

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

Synod representatives: John Schild (GR); Bernadette Zimmermann (N)

PSALM 66: 16-20 (NLT)

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me.

For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke.

If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.

Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer

or withdraw his unfailing love from 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.

Message Theme & Text: 'Peter's Missional Strategy' (1 Peter 3:13-22)

Sunday 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A (White) Psalm 66: 8-20

1st Reading: Acts 17: 22-31 Paul in Athens

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-22 Suffering for doing right

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit

NOTES ON THE READINGS ...

ACTS 17:22-31: While spending time in Athens, Paul had the opportunity to speak to the city's prestigious philosophical council, the Areopagus. Paul referred to an altar to an unknown god to introduce an explanation of the nature of the one transcendent true God. God can't be contained either by human buildings or artistic representations. He is the creator of all human beings and governs their lives and boundaries. Coming from his hand of creation all people are answerable to his ultimate judgment, the truth of which is pledged by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 PETER 3:13-22: Peter treats in this section the problems his readers will meet in persecution. While they would not necessarily deserve this suffering, it may well yet happen. However, there are always divine purposes of grace connected with persecution. It affords believers the opportunity to defend their faith, thus making it known. Christ's suffering was according to the

purposes of the Father and achieved a mighty result. Having patiently born his suffering, Christ was able to apply the triumph of his achievement by preaching to the spirits in prison. Christians have been linked to this triumph through the salvation which baptism gives and guarantees.

JOHN 14:15-21: When Jesus said, 'Keep my commandments' he was not referring just to a new set of rules, but saying that the disciples were to observe the love that permeates all the doing which flows from salvation. Both of these are a witness on his behalf to the world. The disciples will not be left on their own. The Holy Spirit will replace on a permanent basis the physical guiding presence of their beloved master. Not only will the Spirit bestow the sense of certainty that Christ is with the Father, binding them to both, but also will move the disciples to express their love for the Lord in keeping his commandments.

Sunday 21st May – 7th Sunday of Easter (White)

Nain 9.00am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am LR with Cathy & Grant Wills

Greenock 10.30am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

****Please refer to this bulletin to check and confirm Sunday service times.****

NOTE: Sunday 28th May – 10:30am **Thanksgiving Service at Gnadenfrei** will be followed by a pooled luncheon with Pastor Eugene, Nikki and family

Sunday 21st May – 7th Ascension Sunday - Year A (White) Psalm - TBA

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 21st May

Flowers – Janet Nitschke **Cleaning** – Paula Menzel & Michelle Mickan **H.C.** – Ali Barkley

Readings – Wilfriede Kalleske **Welcoming/Attendance** – Wilfriede K. & Rosalie O.

Kids' Chat – John Barkley **PowerPoint** – Jack Mickan **Sound** – Isaac Barkley

Music – John, Ali, & Megan **Stewards** – Mark & Noelene Kalleske

TAKE NOTE

- **Pastor Eugene Online** – Have you visited Pastor Eugene's Facebook Page? Check out the link at the top of today's Bulletin. It's a great way to connect with Pastor daily as he provides pieces of wisdom, Worship info, Sermon Notes, Prayer Points and other ministry insights.
- **Parish Bible Studies Wednesday 24th May** at 10.30am at Gnadenfrei.
All are welcome to participate in exploring God's Word. If you would like more information or like to participate in a Bible study but that time doesn't suit, please contact Pastor Eugene.
- **Ministry With Younger Generations**
The message of Jesus is good news for all people. However, over recent decades the church has found it difficult to pass on this good news to people of younger generations. Please join Pastor Eugene for a discussion over five Wednesday evenings exploring some of the reasons why the church has struggled in this ministry and what we can do to be more

effective in sharing the gospel with them. Sessions will begin on **Wednesday 17th May** 7.30pm in the St Peter's Chat Room and will continue until 21st June. Please contact Pastor Eugene for more information and to register your interest.

- **Gnadenfrei Church Council** meeting on **Monday 15th May**, 7.30pm
- **Prayer Group Tuesday 16th May**, 10.00am at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **LCA SA-NT District Pastors' Conference & Convention of Synod**
Pastor Eugene will be attending the LCA SA-NT District Pastors' Conference in Victor Harbor on **18th and 19th May** and then meeting with delegates from our congregations and others from across SA and NT in convention on the **20th and 21st May** at Encounter Lutheran College Victor Harbor. Please keep them all in your prayers as they elect leaders for our District and look for God's will for our Church.
- **St Peter's Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Pentecost Sunday):**
Donations of food items are being sought to make a "Thanksgiving Display" for the 9:00am Service, on **Sunday 28th May**. These items will then be donated to Lutheran Care Barossa. The following food items are in need: Tinned tuna, Chunky soup, Tinned ham, Tinned fruit, Tinned mixed vegetables, Tinned peas/corn, Tinned tomatoes, Two minute noodles, Long life full cream milk, Pasta sauce, Jams, Peanut butter, Vegemite, Sweet biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Cereal, Rice, Tea bags, Pasta, Coffee, Sugar, Milo - **Fresh produce also accepted**. Please let John or Ali Barkley know if you can assist with setting up the "food display" on **Saturday 27th May** at 4:00pm. Items can also be left in the Chat Room and will be incorporated into the displays. Many thanks in advance.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during **May** for shampoo/conditioner, Vegemite and tinned mixed vegetables.
- **Latest LCA** e-news: Press Ctrl and click on this link- <http://lcaenews.online/230502>
- **Movie Sunday 14th May** 7pm, Holy Trinity Church Hall Nuriootpa for the movie "Sweet Inspirations". Treat Mum to the movie on Mother's Day! Four middle-aged ladies discover a purpose when they launch a unique fundraising effort to save a local women's shelter from imminent foreclosure. It tests the limits of their friendship and themselves. \$5 gets you popcorn and a drink as well as a great movie and fellowship! See you there!
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting (FoLA) Thursday 25th May**, 7.30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide. Cost \$5.00 donation, supper and all are welcome. *In the Barossa & Beyond: George French Angus, artist & naturalist*. Guest Speaker is Dr Philip Jones, historian and ethnographer based at the South Australian Museum, specialising in the historical paths of objects and images across cultural boundaries. His latest book is *Illustrating the Antipodes: George French Angus*. Livestreamed on <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>
- **History Month Seminar** The seminar on **Saturday, 27th May** at Langmeil Church, 7 Maria Street, Tanunda from 9.30am – 4pm is entitled "*SA-German Connections: Networks, Travel, Business and Communications*." Cost: \$50 (includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea). Enquiries/Bookings (by 19 May): Christine Leske 0428 337 132; ejleske@internode.on.net or access the Barossa German Language Association website.