

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

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

*The heavenly
Father's arms
never tire of
holding his
children.*

Sunday 7th May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

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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 St Peter's Greenock, and at Gnadenfrei Marananga, or join Michael Obst taking the Lay Reading service at Nain.

Sunday 7th May – 5th Sunday of Easter (White)

Greenock 9.00am with Pastor Eugene

Nain 9.00am LR with Michael Obst

Gnadenfrei Marananga 10.30am with Pastor Eugene

OPENING.....

We have every reason not to let our hearts be troubled,
not to be afraid of anything in life or death.

**We are a chosen race, royal priests, God's own people,
ready to declare the wonderful deeds of the One who called us
out of the darkness into glorious Light. (1 Peter 2:9)**

PRAYERS Merciful Father, you have reached out to all people through your Son Jesus, who died and is risen again for us all. Build us up as your chosen people, offering

our lives to you as spiritual sacrifices, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Kind and loving God, thank you, for choosing us to be your own holy people. Make us more and more like Jesus, giving of ourselves to serve you and others. Use our gifts to build up your kingdom. Amen.

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Michael Obst (LR – Nain); Martin & Sally Pfeiffer (M)
Ray & Doris Kalleske, Mark Kernich (G) Ray & Joyce Obst (N)
the families of Leon Wilksch & Lorna Zilm whose funerals were held this week
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

PSALM 31: 1-5 (NLT)

O Lord, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced.

Save me, for you do what is right.

Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly.

Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe.

You are my rock and my fortress.

For the honour of your name, lead me out of this danger.

Pull me from the trap my enemies set for me,

for I find protection in you alone.

I entrust my spirit into your hand.

Rescue me, Lord, for you are a faithful God.

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: 'Living Stones' (1 Peter 2:5)

Sunday 7th May – 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A (White) Psalm 31: 1-5

1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 The death of Stephen

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10 God's chosen people, a royal priesthood

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 1-14 Jesus, the way to the Father

NOTES ON THE READINGS ...

Acts 7:55-60: Stephen, 'a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit', had in the course of his witness for Christ become embroiled in arguments with some Jerusalem synagogue leaders. His references to the Jews' hard-heartedness throughout their history, despite the grace of God towards them, so enraged them that they seized him to execute him for blasphemy. Saul had an active role in this stoning. In high contrast to the fanatical and angry violence of his persecutors, Stephen's Christlike death reflected the Lord's last words on the cross. Stephen now saw God's glory which once had been part of the temple, and Jesus standing at God's right hand.

1 Peter 2:2-10: Peter's abundant use of Old Testament texts referring to the temple, the priesthood, and the people of God show that the church is the New Testament Israel which is to serve as God's light in the world. There is constant ongoing growth into salvation, a living sacrificial service that comes from Christ himself the cornerstone. Thus each stone (believer) in the building (church) takes its correct position from him. Anyone who leaves Christ out of their building will stumble over him to their own destruction, which eventuality was foreseen by God. Christ wants those called into his marvellous light to take that light out into the world by their proclamation.

John 14:1-14: The Lord had been foreshadowing his impending betrayal, suffering and death to the disciples. Their hearts were depressed and heavy. His reassurance that the way of the cross would be the way to God's presence not only for him but also for them, through him, was met by their mere confusion. In answer to Philip's question Jesus promised that the way to the Father was through the truth and life which he makes and gives. No one receives any other entrance. Anyone who has seen Jesus has seen the Father because of the mysterious unity of the persons of the Godhead. The believer, being united with him by faith, will therefore share in the works of God.

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

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

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

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 14th May

Flowers – Judy Mosey **Cleaning** – Kylie Rosenzweig & Noelene Kalleske

Readings – Greta Schild **Welcoming/Attendance** – Greta & John Schild

Kids' Chat – Paula Menzel **PowerPoint** – Riley McDonald **Sound** – Henry Barkley

Music – John, Ali, Kylie L. & Sally **Stewards** – Ashley Klose & Mark Kernich

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** commences on **Wednesday 10th May** at 10.30am at Gnadenfrei and will continue fortnightly. All are welcome to participate in exploring God's Word. If you would like more information or would like to participate in a Bible study but that time doesn't suit, please contact Pastor Eugene.
- **St Peter's Greenock Church Council Meeting Tuesday 9th May**, 7pm in the Chat Room.

- **Parish Lay Readers meeting** –**Wednesday 10th May**, 7.30pm in the St Peter’s Chat Room. All current lay readers and anyone who might like to consider becoming a lay reader are invited to attend. Please contact Pastor Eugene for more information or if you can’t make it to the meeting.
- **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.
- **Prayer Group Tuesday 16th May**, 10.00am at Helen Wendt’s and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **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!
- **Light Regional Council** acknowledges the efforts of the region's volunteers - they are the 'change makers', who willingly give their time to empower and support our communities. Council invites you to join the 2023 Thank You Morning Tea **Tuesday 16th May** at the Freeling Institute (8 Clarke Street, Freeling) from 10:00am until 11:30am. Please RSVP to events@light.sa.gov.au or by phoning 8525 3200 by Friday 12th May 2023. ***RSVP essential for catering purposes** - please advise of any dietary requirements*
- **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 Angas*. 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.