

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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*Christ's
cleansing
power can
remove the
most
stubborn
stain of sin.*

Welcome! We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May our lives respond in praise and thanksgiving.

This Sunday's Services:

9.00am St Peter's Greenock - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner
Nain - Lay Reading with Michael Obst
10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Opening:

It is time to become focussed,
not on our wants or complaints but on God:
**In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God,
saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.

**The realm of God is not very far from any one of us,
for in God we live and, move and have our being.**

Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.
The time has come.

**In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

Psalm: 62:5-8 (NLT)

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.

My victory and honour come from God alone.

He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

O my people, trust in him at all times.

Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

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

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

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray that we heed Jesus' call to discipleship.

Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to announce the coming of your kingdom. Make us ready to hear his call, to turn away from our sins, and to believe his good news. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10 The city of Nineveh repents.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Living in the last times.

Mark 1-14-20 Repent, and believe the good news.

Offering Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for making us your followers. Help us to give of ourselves whole-heartedly and serve you by witnessing to others of your love, through our lives and our words. Use our gifts for your good purposes. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Pastor Ken Pfitzner and Joan, Michael Obst – LR Nain

Martin and Sally Pfeiffer (M); John and Greta Schild (G);

David and Angela Materne (N)

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace,
or mourning the death of a loved one.

Next Sunday: 28 th January (Green) – 4 th Sunday after Epiphany
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9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene

St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with Kylie R. and Rosalie O.

10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

****Please refer to this Bulletin to confirm Sunday service times.****

Bible Readings: Psalm 111

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Lord promises a prophet like Moses.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Freedom and the conscience of your fellow believers.

Mark 1-21-28 Jesus teaches with authority.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 28th January

Flowers - Chris Mibus **Cleaning** – Karyn Materne and Angela Bowman

Readings – Trevor Waldhuter **Welcoming/Attendance** – Lyn and Trevor W.

Music – John, Ali and Megan **PowerPoint** – Kylie Rosenzweig

Sound – Lisa Werner **Stewards** – Kym Kalleske and Henry Barkley

Take Note:

➤ **Pastor Eugene's Annual Leave**

Pastor Eugene will be on annual leave from **1st to 21st January**.

➤ **St. Peter's Members and Friends Directory - 2024 version**

Troy Kalleske emailed most members and friends of St. Peter's a copy of the 2023 Directory on Wednesday 10th January, as the St. Peter's Leadership Team is updating its contents. Please liaise directly with Troy to ensure any changes are submitted by **Wednesday 31st, January**.

➤ Alternatively, some hard copies are available in the Chat Room for those individuals who do not have an email account.

➤ **St. Peter's "Thanksgiving Service"**

On **Sunday, 4th February**, St. Peter's will be holding our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service, but with a focus on "being thankful for all things". Food donations are being sought to assist Lutheran Care, Barossa, and a list of needed food items will be made available soon.

➤ Setting up will occur on Saturday, 3rd February, 4:00pm. More info to come.

➤ **Advance Notice – 2024 Greenock Lutheran Parish Annual General Meeting**

This will be held on **Sunday, 25th February**, commencing 7:00pm, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Greenock. All welcome and more details to come.

➤ NOTE: Congregational AGMs will be held during March. Stay tuned for more info.

➤ **Latest LCA e-News**

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/231212>

Notes On The Readings:

JONAH 3:1-5,10: Jonah had been told by God to go to Nineveh to preach repentance. Jonah took a ship in the other direction. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria – the nation threatening the life of Israel. After being vomited from the belly of a big fish Jonah was redirected to Nineveh. This time Jonah went. The task

seemed insuperable. God teaches that he reaches to people regardless of nationality. The most important thing to God is that his mercy be extended to whoever will repent.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31: Christians need always to remember that this world is both fleeting and temporary. While living in this world we cannot avoid being part of it. However, Paul teaches that we live in a manner that always fits in with the life which will be ours when Jesus comes again. When we see life in its relation to eternity we see the world's emphases as insignificant. We persevere in faith and holiness.

MARK 1:14-20: After his baptism and after John's arrest, Jesus began his own earthly ministry. He preached from the context that the Kingdom is entered through repentance and believing the gospel. The call of the four disciples brings home to us the truth that the unbelieving world is outside the Kingdom, like fish, which are there to be netted in. The gospel needs therefore to be worked to bring people in.

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Please send Bulletin info to Nola and Parish Email by Wednesday 5pm.

Greenock Lutheran Parish

Our Culture, Leadership and Governance are Childsafe.

Child safety is embedded in the culture, leadership and governance of our Parish. Our Parish prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and demonstrates this through all levels of its leadership. Our Parish has no tolerance for child abuse in any form.