

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 11th February 2024
Transfiguration of our Lord

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*Eyes of faith
see God at
work in
everything.*

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 Eugene
Nain - Lay Reading with Alex Zimmermann
10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga (**Harvest Thanksgiving**) - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

God once said,

"Let the light shine out of the darkness!"

And this is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts.

He gave us light by letting us know the glory of God that is in the face of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 4:6 ICB)

Psalm: 50:1-6 (NLT)

The Lord, the Mighty One, is God, and he has spoken;

he has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets.

From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,

God shines in glorious radiance.

Our God approaches, and he is not silent.

Fire devours everything in his way, and a great storm rages around him.

He calls on the heavens above and earth below

to witness the judgment of his people.

"Bring my faithful people to me –

those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices."

Then let the heavens proclaim his justice,

for God himself will be the judge.

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 become like Christ.

Almighty and loving God, thank you for revealing your Son Jesus in glory before he suffered and died. Give us faith to recognise him as your dear Son and to join

him in his suffering, so we can also share in his resurrection glory. We ask this in Jesus' name, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Greenock/Nain - Bible Readings: Psalm 50:1-6

2 Kings 2:1-12 Elijah is taken up to heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 The light of the good news of Christ's glory.

Mark 9:2-9 The transfiguration of Jesus.

Gnadenfrei - Harvest Thanksgiving/Thanksgiving Readings: Psalm 126

Joel 2:21-27 God restores fertility to the land.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 Pray and give thanks.

Matthew 6:25-33 Do not worry - God cares for you.

Message Theme & Text: (Nain & St Peter's): 'Good News Light' (2 Cor 4:3-6)

Offering Prayer:

Great and glorious God, thank you for revealing your Son, and for showing the light of his glory. Let us always reflect his glory. As Jesus was willing to die for us, may we give of ourselves to others. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Alex Zimmermann – LR: Nain;

Annette Tuit (M); Kerryn and Kurt Smith and family (G); Milton Materne (N)

Young People preparing for confirmation at St Peter's Palm Sunday service: -

Ebony Noack, Jack Werner, Jade Kalleske, Olivia Kalleske and Riley McDonald

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

Parish Service 14th February Ash Wednesday

7.30pm St Peter's Greenock HC.

Next Sunday: 18th February (Violet) – Lent 1

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene

St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with John and Ali Barkley

10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

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

Bible Readings: Psalm 25:1-10

Genesis 9:8-17 God's covenant with Noah.

1 Peter 3:18-22 The flood a symbol of baptism.

Mark 1:9-15 The baptism, temptation and preaching of Jesus.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 18th February

Flowers - Elaine Obst **Cleaning** – Marj and Nola Wendt

Readings – Karen Kalleske **Welcoming/Attendance** – Chris and Neville Mibus

Music – John, Ali and Megan Klose **PowerPoint** – Trevor Waldhuter
Sound – Isaac Barkley **Stewards** – Ashley Klose and Mark Kernich

Take Note:

➤ **St Peter's Church Council Meeting**

Tuesday 13th February, 7.30pm in the Chat Room.

➤ **Parish Ash Wednesday Service**

Our Lent preparations for Easter will begin with an Ash Wednesday parish service at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February at St Peter's Greenock. The service will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Eugene for more information.

➤ **Lent Bible Studies**

During Lent you are invited to explore the Good Friday story over 5 weeks, looking at each part of the story in detail. These Bible studies will be held on Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Gnadenfrei church hall (you're welcome for a cuppa from 10am) and St Peter's Greenock Chat Room at 7.30pm beginning on **21st February until 20th March**. Please contact Pastor Eugene if you would like more information, have any questions, or would like to participate but can't make these times.

➤ **Confirmation**

Resumed Tuesday 6th February at 4pm on in the St Peter's Chat Room. The Confirmation Service is planned for **Palm Sunday, 24th March**, at St Peter's Greenock. If you know a young person who would like to be part of a Confirmation group later in the year, please contact Pastor Eugene.

➤ **Family Shared Meal & Bible Study**

As part of our parish ministry to families, you're invited to a BYO shared meal and Bible study from 5pm to 7pm on **Sunday 18th February** in the St Peter's Greenock church hall. We plan to have these every 3 weeks to help connect our families with children and grow together as a faith community. People of all ages are welcome! Please contact Pastor Eugene if you have questions or would like more information.

➤ **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.

➤ **Nain AGM** – **Friday 1st March** 7.30pm in the Nain Church.

➤ **Gnadenfrei AGM** – **Sunday 17th March** after worship.

➤ **St. Peter's AGM** – **Sunday 17th March**, following 10:30 HC Service so Pastor Eugene can attend. An email will be sent to members and friends this coming week with more information.

Notes On The Readings for Greenock/Nain:

2 Kings 2:1-12: The prophet Elijah had stood against an overwhelming majority in Israel who had followed the royal example by worshipping Baal. His exit as a prophet of God was equally phenomenal with his service during his life. Note that it was the whirlwind which took him away, not the chariot of fire. Elisha was able to see past the chariot that his master was taken by the whirlwind and thus be assured that God granted him his request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. The 'company' or 'sons' of the prophets were probably trainee or apprentice prophets. Elisha's inheritance of a double portion of Elijah's prophetic spirit ensured his authority in Israel above all those other prophets.

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6: If the Spirit makes God's word of truth clear, why is it not plain to some people? It is not the gospel which is obscure, but some people's blindness makes it obscure. Even though Satan has only usurped and temporary power, he prevents people from seeing Christ as the perfect image of God which was lost by Adam. Paul therefore doesn't proclaim himself (v 5), but as a slave (imitating Christ by putting himself aside) proclaims Christ as 'Lord', that is, God! Verse 6 links the power of God's word at creation, which brought light from nothing, with the miracle of the light of our faith. We see Christ's face reflecting the full glory of God. Think of all that means!

Mark 9:2-9: Immediately prior to this text, St Mark describes the unwillingness of the disciples to come to terms with Jesus' clear teaching about his approaching suffering and death. Now on the high mountain, Peter, James and John witness his transfiguration, as he appears with the glory that was his before his becoming human flesh (John 17:5). Moses and Elijah appear talking with him about his coming suffering and death at Jerusalem (Luke 9:31) which was not at all foreign to these pillars of authority in the Old Testament. Peter still seems to miss the point and opts for a prolonged stay for all three by building dwellings! However, the voice of the Father testifies about the person of Jesus, and directs that they are to listen to him, that is, believe his word. The occasion was an important part of the disciples' spiritual education and a telling witness for us and the early church (John 1:14, 2 Peter 1:16-18).

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

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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.