

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 10th March 2024
Lent 4

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*The only
right way is
the straight
and narrow
way.*

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 Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene
St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with Kylie R. and Michelle M.
10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

We have been saved by grace because we believed.

We didn't save ourselves; it was a gift from God.

In Christ Jesus, God made us new people

so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do. (Ephesians 2:8,10 ERV)

Psalm: 107:1-3,20-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story –
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

He sent out his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

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

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

*Give thanks
-TO THE-
Lord
FOR HE IS GOOD
-Psalm 107:1-*

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray for faith in Jesus our Saviour.

Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as your people, through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9 The snake of bronze in the desert.

Ephesians 2:1-10 Saved by grace through faith.

John 3:14-21 Jesus brings life and light to the world.

Message Theme & Text: 'Rescued and Repurposed' (*Ephesians 2:1-10*)

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, heavenly Father, for giving your Son so that we can have new life with you now and forever. Strengthen our faith in him. Guide us to live in the light of Christ, and to give ourselves in love to other people. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Kylie Rosenzweig and Michelle Mickan and families – LR: Greenock
Julie Buckby (M); Detlev and Phyllis Vosgerau (G); Michael and Tracey Obst (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace,
or mourning the death of a loved one.

Next Sunday: 17 th March (Violet) – 5 th Sunday in Lent
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9.00am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Gnadenfrei Marananga - Lay Reading with Helen Carter.

10.30am St Peter's Greenock HC - with Pastor Eugene

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

Bible Readings: Psalm 119:9-16

Jeremiah 31:31-34 God promises a new covenant.

Hebrews 5:5-10 Jesus the great high priest, made perfect through suffering.

John 12:20-33 Jesus announces that his hour has come.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 17th March

Flowers – Lyn Schmidt **Cleaning** – Helen Wendt and Alison Barkley

Readings – Helen Wendt **Welcoming/Kids Chat** – Pastor Eugene

Welcoming/Attendance – Helen Wendt and Rosalie Olafsen **H/C**. Trevor W.

Music – Heather O. and Megan K. **PowerPoint** – Lachlan Menzel

Sound – Lisa Werner **Stewards** – Mark and Noelene Kalleske

Take Note:

➤ Shared Family Meal & Bible Study

Today in the St Peter's hall from 5pm to 7pm. Please bring a plate of savoury &/or sweets as we grow relationships & build community across generations.

➤ Greenock Leadership Team

Meeting **Tuesday 12th March** at 7pm in the Chat Room Greenock.

➤ Lent Bible Studies

This week (**13th March**): Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate (Mark 15:1-20), from 10.30am (10am for a cuppa) at Gnadenfrei or 7.30pm at Greenock (Zoom link available).

➤ Ordination: Way Forward Proposals

Thanks to everyone who participated in our conversations this week. When the LCA NZ releases the final proposal after Easter we will offer opportunities to discuss it and what it might mean for our congregations and parish. Please contact Pastor Eugene if there's anything you'd like to discuss about ordination in the LCA NZ.

➤ Gnadenfrei AGM – Sunday 17th March after worship.

➤ St. Peter's AGM – Sunday 17th March, following 10:30 HC Service so Pastor Eugene can attend.

➤ Confirmation

If you have a child or know a young person who would like to be confirmed, please let Pastor Eugene know. He would like to meet with people before Easter to plan arrangements for our next group.

➤ Latest LCA e-News

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/240305>



Easter Service Times

Palm Sunday (24/3)	9am Confirmation Service with HC (St Peter's) 9am Lay Reading Service (Nain)
Maundy Thursday (28/3)	7.30pm Service with HC and foot washing (St Peter's)
Good Friday (29/3)	9am Service with Good Friday Walk (Gnadenfrei)* 10.30am Service with Good Friday Story (Nain)*
Easter Sunday (31/3)	7am Dawn Service with HC followed by Hot Cross Buns (Nain) 9am Resurrection Celebration with HC (St Peter's) 10.30am Resurrection Celebration with HC (Gnadenfrei)

*** We are looking for lots of people to help read the story of Jesus' suffering and death at both of our Good Friday services. If you would like to help at either service, please contact Pastor Eugene**

➤ **Accommodation Request**

A man has contacted us looking for accommodation in the Barossa for about 4 nights beginning Sunday 17 March while he participates in a cricket carnival. If you have a spare room available, please contact Pastor Eugene for more details.

Notes On The Readings

Numbers 21:4-9: Evidence such as God's powerful deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, and the destruction of Pharaoh's army should have convinced them of their safety under his care. Yet repeated rebellion and continue criticism met his gracious providence. The punishment in today's reading brought death through snake bite. A bronze figure raised on a pole called for simple faith to overcome the consequence of sin and bring healing.

Ephesians 2:1-10: St Paul never had any doubts about the effective presence of a personal power of evil. Satan is active in that disobedience and sinful indulgence which brings about human separation from God. Be gratefully mindful therefore that God has by his own gracious miracle made us alive 'in Christ' when we were spiritually dead. We have been saved through our faith in Jesus; remember our own works have not saved us, but his eternally planned new creation has fitted us for a new life of holiness in his Son. That is part of his purpose.

John 3:14-21: You would think that if salvation is free simply through looking up to Jesus who was 'lifted up' for our sin that many more would be saved. Sadly that is not the case. John tells us that the last thing the Father wants is to condemn the world. Otherwise he would not have sent his Son. However, the personal love of sin and darkness, together with pride in not wanting it to be exposed, prevents all too many from receiving his light for their salvation. It then tragically becomes judgment instead. Our prime aim then is to bring our sin into the light of the Father to permit his salvation through his Son (which has removed our condemnation) to transform our deeds also into light.

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.